

# HOW TO ACT RESPONSIBLY TODAY?

## POLITICS OF LAW IN EUROPE AND JAPAN

**CONFERENCE 2025**

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English (with Simultaneous Interpretation Japanese)

**Admission (Join In-Person or Online) :**

Free (Up to 80 In-Person, 200 Online)

# Sat, Apr 26, 2025

13:45 Doors Open

14:00 - 14:05 Welcome Remarks

14:05 - 15:35

**PANEL 1**

## RESPONSIBILITY IN ACTION:

LAW, ECONOMICS, AND SOCIETY FACING GLOBAL CHALLENGES

**Panel Chairs**

- Gilles CAMPAGNOLO (Professor, Paris Pantheon-Sorbonne University & CNRS)
- Adrienne SALA (Assistant Professor, Waseda University)

Public policymaking in Europe and Japan relies on legal and economic models, employing evidence and expertise to navigate questions of justice, interest, and the limits of economic knowledge. The judicialization of agents' behavior influences both worldviews and public policies, shaping the shared values of Europe and Japan in a rapidly evolving global context. Amid pressing challenges such as climate change, biodiversity loss, labor dynamics, and growing inequality, these frameworks demand deeper scrutiny.

**Panelists**

- Raphaël LANGUILLON (Researcher, FRIJ-MFJ)  
Climate responsibility and local planning
- Kanako TAKAE (Research Associate, Waseda university)  
Beyond Anthropocentrism: Rethinking Ethical Framework for the Future
- Marie ELIPHE (Assistant Professor, Paris Pantheon-Assas University)  
The Liability of Companies: The Solution to Humanitarian Disaster?

Q & A

15:35 - 15:45 Coffee Break

15:45 - 17:15

**PANEL 2**

## FRAMING RESPONSIBILITY:

GLOBAL JUSTICE, AND DEMOCRATIC CHALLENGES

**Panel Chairs**

- Yasushi WATANABE (Professor, Keio University / Adjunct Senior Fellow, NIRA)

Panel 2 will examine the framing and conceptualization of "responsibility" in international relations, and how it may change going forward amidst the grave threats facing democracies around the world. The discussion will address accusations of self-righteousness and double standards by developed countries in how they deal with global challenges. The panel will situate these arguments within the broader context of the international order, and drawing on comparative perspectives, explore ways to address the dilemma these criticisms present.

**Panelists**

- Isabelle GIRAUDOU (Professor, The University of Tokyo)  
The reconceptualization of responsibility as response-ability in times called the Anthropocene: An ultimate thought experiment for legal scholars?
- Maiko ICHIHARA (Professor, Hitotsubashi University)  
Three Different Aspects of Democracy: Values, Institutions, and Ideology
- Hirohide TAKIKAWA (Professor, The University of Tokyo)  
Responsibility to Whom? Limits and Hopes of Democracy

Q & A

17:15 - 17:30 Wrapup & Closing



**Registration**

Please note that registration is required for both in person and online participants. If you wish to attend, please register at the following link or using the QR code.

<https://nira.or.jp/omnibus/event250426/index.html>

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