

Promoting Future Women Leaders in Politics

Development of women's political leadership has been an important social agenda not only in Japan but also in countries and regions all over the world. Encouraging the young generation, such as high school and university students, to participate in politics and providing leadership training for them can be an effective way to achieve this. In the first session of this symposium, two female national parliament members from Japan and South Korea will deliver keynote speeches about their career experiences. The following panel discussion session takes up issues of women's political leadership education, starting with the panellists' reports on the achievement and challenges of Japanese women's political leader education and on young political leader training in the German Social-Democratic Party.

DATE : 13:30-17:00 Saturday, June 30th, 2018
VENUE: Kiindo auditorium, Ochanomizu University



Sun-Mee JIN

South Korean National
Assembly member



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Affairs and Communications

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Program

13:30~13:35	Opening Remarks: President Kimiko MUROFUSHI (Ochanomizu University)
13:35~14:40	Introductory Remarks: Vice President Yayoi IZAKI (Ochanomizu University)
13:40~14:10	Keynote Speech: Minister Seiko NODA
14:10~14:40	Keynote Speech: Member of National Assembly of the Republic of Korea Sun-Mee JIN
14:40~14:55	Break
14:55~15:10	Panel Presentation: Ms Yoriko MADOKA
15:10~15:25	Panel Presentation: Ms Johanna UEKERMANN (Social Democratic Party of Germany)
15:25~16:35	Panel Discussion Moderator: Ki-young SHIN (Institute for Gender Studies, Ochanomizu University)
16:35~16:55	Q&A and Discussion
16:55~17:00	Closing Remarks: Director Makoto KOBAYASHI (Institute for Global Leadership, Ochanomizu University)

Master of Ceremony: Naoko OKI (Institute for Global Leadership, Ochanomizu University)

Speakers

Seiko NODA

Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications, Minister in charge of Women's Empowerment, Minister of State for the Social Security and Tax Number System, and member of the House of Representatives.

After graduating with a degree in Comparative Cultural studies from the Faculty of Foreign Studies at Sophia University in 1983, Seiko Noda began her career with the Imperial Hotel, Ltd. in 1987. She was later elected as a member of the Gifu Prefectural Assembly.

The 40th lower house general elections of 1993 marked the first of her nine elections as a member of the House of Representatives (HR) from Gifu First District. In her second term, she was appointed as State Secretary for Posts and Telecommunications (1996) and Minister of Posts and Telecommunications (1998). Overall, she has held various posts in the Cabinet, the HR, and within the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), including Minister of State for Science and Technology Policy and Food Safety, Consumer Affairs, and Space Policy (2008), Chairperson of the General Council of the LDP (2012), and Chairperson of the Special Committee on Disasters, HR (2016).

Seiko Noda currently serves as Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications, Minister in charge of Women's Empowerment, Minister of State for the Social Security and Tax Number System, and Chairperson of the Federation of Gifu Prefecture LDP Branches.

Sun-Mee JIN

The 19th and 20th South Korean National Assembly member, member of the Democratic Party of Korea, and attorney.

After graduating from the College of Law, Sungkyunkwan University, Sun-Mee JIN worked as a human rights lawyer and served as Chairperson of the women's rights committee of the Lawyers for a Democratic Society. She also served as the Vice Chairperson for Policy at the New Politics Alliance of Democracy (predecessor of the Democratic Party). In the 20th legislative election, She became the first female representative of the Gangdong-gu district, Seoul. She has held various posts on parliamentary special committees, like the Budget and Accounts committee and those dedicated to birth rate improvement and preventing sexual violence against children. She has also held key positions in the Democratic Party, serving as a board member, floor leader, and legal advisory leader of the Euljiro Committee. Currently, Sun-Mee JIN is a member of the Public Administration and Security Committee, the First Policy Research Council Chairperson, and a board member of the Democratic Party.

Yoriko MADOKA

Former member of the House of Councillors and Head of "Political School for Women."

Yoriko Madoka graduated from the Department of English at Tsuda University in 1969. After working in the editorial department at The Japan Times, she began a career as a freelance journalist and author. She received immense public support for her appearance on TV as a commentator.

Yoriko Madoka was elected as a member of the House of Councillors for 17 years (1993–2010), and also served as a deputy leader of the Democratic Party of Japan, the Minister of Finance of the Democratic Party of Japan's "Next Cabinet," and a chairperson of the House of Councillors' Committee on Financial Affairs. Her current activities include work for "Hand in Hand Association," a supportive network for single mothers and the "Political School for Women" .

Johanna UEKERMANN

Executive Board Member/Member of the Headquarters of the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD).

Johanna Uekermann studied in Political Science at University of Würzburg and University of Geneva (2006–2013). She joined the SPD in 2002 and served as the Deputy Federal Chairperson (2011–2013) and Federal Chairperson (2013–2017) of the party's Working Group of Young Socialists (JUSOS). Her current leadership activities include member of the SPD executive committee and the SPD-presidium, Deputy National Chairman and member of the state board of Bayern SPD, and Deputy Chairwoman and district councilor of the district of Straubing-Bogen.

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Ki-Young SHIN Panel Discussion Moderator

She is Associate Professor in the Institute for Gender Studies and the Graduate School of Humanities and Sciences at Ochanomizu University. Ph.D. in Political Science. Winner of Betty Nosvold Best Paper on Women and Politics (Western Political Science Association, 2004).

Naoko OKI Master of the Ceremony

She is Project Lecturer at the Institute for Global Leadership (IGL), Ochanomizu University. She serves as section leader of Leadership Training Program at the IGL. Ph. D. in Gender and Politics in 2011.