

Ito International Research Center Conference,

Inaugural Symposium for the Institute for Future Initiatives, the University of Tokyo

Imaging a Sustainable Future

SDGs and the Future of Academic Research

In April 2019, the Policy Alternatives Research Institute and Integrated Research System for Sustainability Science will be combined to form the Institute for Future Initiatives. On the occasion of the inauguration of this new Institute, we will be holding an international conference with the title "Imaging a Sustainable Future: SDGs and the Future of Academic Research." While the UN has proposed a set of goals for creating a sustainable world in the form of SDGs, we nonetheless observe nations to enact policies biased toward protecting their own interests rather than responding to contemporary global issues. In light of this, we would like to consider how academic research organizations can address transnational issues. We look forward to see all of you.

Friday 8 March 2019 16:00~18:00 (Doors open at 15:30)

Ito Hall, Ito International Research Center B2F, the University of Tokyo

(English/Japanese simultaneous interpretation will be provided)

Program

- 16:00-16:05 **OPENING REMARKS**
 Kiichi Fujiwara, Director, Policy Alternatives Research Institute, the University of Tokyo
- 16:05-16:20 **KEYNOTE SPEECH**
 Makoto Gonokami, President, the University of Tokyo
- 16:20-17:30 **PANEL DISCUSSION**
- Panelist
 - David M. Malone, Rector of the United Nations University, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations
 - Naoko Ishii, CEO and Chairperson of the Global Environment Facility (GEF)
 - Hiroshii Komiyama, Chairman of the Institute, Mitsubishi Research Institute, Inc.
 - Hideaki Shiroyama, Professor, Graduate School of Public Policy, the University of Tokyo
 - Facilitator
 - Kiichi Fujiwara, Director, Policy Alternatives Research Institute, the University of Tokyo
- 17:30-17:55 **Q&A**
- 17:55-18:00 **CLOSING REMARKS**
 Kazuhiko Takeuchi, Director, Integrated Research System for Sustainability Science (IR3S), the University of Tokyo
- Moderator Miyuki Otsuka, BEX Institute CEO

