

The Owada Chair Program: Sixth Session

24-25 November 2026
Komaba Campus I, the University of Tokyo



The 6th Owada Annual Lecture will be held over two days on Tuesday, 24 November, and Wednesday, 25 November, at the Hall in Building 18 on the Komaba I Campus of the University of Tokyo.

The Owada Chair Program aims to promote research and educational exchange in the field of humanities and social sciences between the University of Tokyo and Leiden University, the oldest university in the Netherlands, over a six-year period starting in Academic Year 2021. Each session focuses on a specific topic in international law and international relations (politics and economics) and features exchange activities such as keynote lectures and discussions among young researchers.

Following previous themes—"Emotions in International Politics" (1st), "Memory and Reconciliation" (2nd), "Human Rights and Global Diversity" (3rd), "Sustaining Peace: Peace Operations, Prevention and Reaction" (4th), and "International Criminal Justice: Utopia or Reality?" (5th)—this 6th and final session will focus on the theme: "Interface between International Law and Political Dynamics: Global Governance."

Pre-registration is required, and the event is open to the public both in person and online. As an open platform bringing together experts across various fields, specializations, and generations for free and engaging discussions, we warmly welcome your participation.

Registration: <https://forms.gle/5N5FGktrthCMXbJJ8>

(Closes: Friday, 13 November 2026)



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Day 1: Tuesday, 24 November

Venue: Auditorium, Building 18

10:00-12:15	10:00-10:15 Opening Ceremony Opening Address by Dean Torahiko Terada, the University of Tokyo Opening Address by President Luc Sels, Leiden University
	10:15-11:05 Keynote Speech Professor Hisashi Owada
	11:05-11:55 Discussants Professor Jan Aart Scholte, Leiden University Professor Kentaro Nishimoto, the University of Tokyo
	11:55-12:15 Q&A and Discussion
14:30-17:00	Student Debate 1 <i>Principal Moderator:</i> Professor Hisashi Owada <i>Moderators:</i> Professor Eric De Brabandere, Leiden University; Professor Kentaro Nishimoto; Professor Jan Aart Scholte; Professor Sarah Wolff, Leiden University; Professor Ai Kihara-Hunt and Professor Tomofumi Kitamura, the University of Tokyo

Day 2: Wednesday, 25 November

Venue: Auditorium and Collaboration Room 1, Building 18

13:00-15:30	Student Debate 2 <i>Principal Moderator:</i> Professor Hisashi Owada <i>Moderators:</i> Professor Eric De Brabandere, Professor Kentaro Nishimoto, Professor Jan Aart Scholte, Professor Sarah Wolff, Professor Ai Kihara-Hunt and Professor Tomofumi Kitamura
16:00-18:00	Student Research Presentations <i>Commentators:</i> Professor Eric De Brabandere and Professor Sarah Wolf