

Event Report

Asia and Europe from the Versailles Treaty to the Present: The Legacies of Past War-Endings and Peace-making between Constraints and Forward Looking
Maison de la Chime, Paris
Monday, January 28, 2019



The year 2019 marks the centennial of the signing of the Treaty of Versailles at the Paris Peace Conference. The Conference was convened in January 1919 to determine the terms of the peace after the First World War, and to create the framework for a post-war international order. Japan was one of the five major powers at the Conference that played a central role in constructing the post-conflict global order, and was the only Asian nation among the Big Five.

This symposium to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Treaty of Versailles was held in collaboration with the Paris-based Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique (FRS). The symposium brought together experts who offered their observations—from European and Japanese perspectives—on the creation of the international order after the conflict, as well as current global

issues.

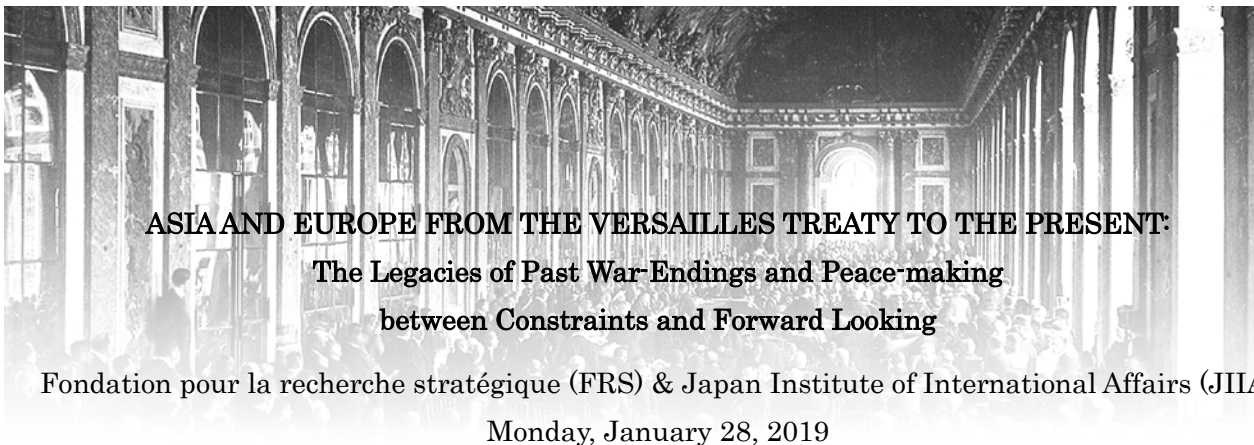
Roundtable 1: Peace-making in Europe and Asia

The First World War and the history of Asia after the conflict were significant milestones in global history. Discussants pointed out that Japan played a vital role in the emergence of a liberal world order that was rooted in the frameworks for international cooperation created at the Paris Peace Conference. The hundred years that have elapsed since the Conference have been marked by numerous crises for the liberal world order, as well as opportunities for its rebirth. Panelists noted that examining the history of Japan's interactions with the global order would be productive.

Roundtable 2: Overcoming historical legacies

Japan's security after the Second World War was upheld by a two-pronged system built on the stipulations of its post-war constitution and the country's security alliance with the United States. Panelists noted that any attempt by Japan to revise its constitution would lead the country to assume a more active role in its security, and would make it necessary to debate Japan's relationship with its neighbors, the United States, and the liberal world order.

Program



9:15-9:30 - Introduction: Xavier Pasco, Director, FRS

9:30 am-11:00 am - Roundtable 1: The experience of Peace-making in Europe and Asia: The Question of Security Frameworks and the Legacies of Post-First and Second World Wars in Europe and in Asia

Moderator: Pierre Grosser, Science Po. Paris

The emergence of a liberal order and the limits of the Versailles Treaty in Europe and in Asia

Speaker: Naoko Shimazu, National University of Singapore
Hiroshi Nakanishi, Kyoto University

Discussant: Kerry Brown, Lau Institute, King's College

The Legacies of the Post Second World War and the Future of Strategic Stability in Asia and in the World

Speaker: Yuichi Hosoya, Keio University

Discussant: Frédéric GRARE, CAPS

11:00-12:30 - Roundtable 2: Overcoming the Heritage of History: Answering New Regional and Global Challenges and Japan's Constitutional Dilemma

Moderator: Hiroyuki Akita, Nikkei

Debating the Japanese Constitution: The Constraints of History and Politics in a Changing strategic landscape

Speaker: Masayuki Tadokoro, Keio University

Discussant: Céline Pajon, IFRI

Adapting to New Strategic Challenges and Global Responsibilities

Speaker: Michito Tsuruoka, Keio University

Discussant: Valérie Niquet, FRS

12:30 -12:45: Conclusion: Yasunori Nakayama, Director General, JIIA