**Five-University Workshop**

**December 2-3, 2016**

**Venue: International House of Japan**

**Hosted by**

**Security Studies Unit, Policy Alternatives Research Institute, The University of Tokyo**

**<Day 0> December 1, 2016**

**07:00 Welcome Dinner (optional)**

**<Day 1> December 2, 2016**

**09:00-09:15 Introduction**

**09:15-10:45 Panel 1: Domestic Politics and International Relations**

The recent election in the United States, along with the UK referendum to leave the European Union, has reminded us that international relation is not a space that is only occupied by governments and diplomats. When domestic public opinion with markedly different priorities on foreign policies enter into that space, the stability of that society of governments is challenged significantly. How, then, can we tackle this delicate relationship between domestic politics and international relations?

**10:45-11:00 Coffee Break**

**11:00-12:30 Panel 2: The Future of Alliance in East Asia**

Alliance in East Asia has long been an integral part of the status quo in the region. That alliance, however, could not prevent geopolitical rivalries in the South China Sea or a series of provocative actions by the DPRK. Alliance politics, however, have occasionally faced challenges from domestic public opinion that are more reluctant to support strategic commitments, as shown in statements made by Mr. Duterte and Mr. Trump. What, then, should, be the role of alliance in East Asia? How can it be maintained? If alliances should change, what would be the alternative?

**12:30-13:45 Lunch**

**13:45-15:15 Panel 3: Natural Resource Distribution and Environment**

The distribution of natural resources, one of the most well-known origins of international conflicts, has emerged as a point of contestation in the East Asian region, while a growing number of Asian nations have come to share a common concern over the deterioration of natural environment. How, then, can we so design that the procurement of natural resource will not intensify international rivalry and conflict? Under what conditions can we reduce conflicts and enhance international cooperation in resource and environmental disputes?

**15:15-15:30 Coffee Break**

**15:30-17:00 Panel 4: The Future of Trade Agreements**

Agreements on international trade has always been a contentious issue, but the opposition to the Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership Agreement (TPP) seems to have invited the specter of protectionism back in political debates. What, then, is the future of international trade agreements? What would be the best for of agreement that at once promote free trade and maintain public support from the civil society? Would Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) be a better alternative than TPP?

**17:30-20:00 Dinner Reception**

**<Day 2> December 3, 2016**

**09:15-10:45 Panel 5: DPRK and the Future of Regional Security**

The recent tests of missiles and nuclear weapons by North Korea has posed a challenge to the stability of the East Asian region and to the international regime for nuclear non-proliferation. Nations surrounding North Korea have all shared grave concerns, but such shared opposition has shown little in changing the actions taken by the DPRK government. How, then, can we meet the challenge? What should be the future of the Korean peninsula, and how best can we work to achieve it?

**10:45-11:00 Coffee Break**

**11:00-12:00 Wrap-up Session: The Future of the East Asian Region**

**12:00-13:30 Lunch**

**13:30-15:30 Graduate Student Session**