

# Workshop on the Future of European Studies in Asia

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## ABSTRACT OF PRESENTATION

### **The Landscape of European Studies Curriculum Development in the Asia-Pacific: case study of Japan**

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This presentation will sketch out the two main developments of European studies the Asia-Pacific and especially in Japan.

The first part is the development of national European Union Studies Association s (EUSAs) and the building of networks in Asia-Pacific under the world-wide network of European Community Studies Association (ECSA)-WORLD based in Brussels, Belgium.

The second and more important part is the development of the teaching of European studies in the region, case-studying Japan. The faculties of Japanese universities are usually vertically divided into traditional disciplines such as law, political sciences, economics, literature and so on. It is very rare to have an independent European or EU studies programme either at undergraduate or postgraduate levels. However, there has been some recent developments to issue a certificate or diploma in EU Studies along with BA or MA degrees especially with the establishment of European Union Institutes in Japan (EUIJs) in Tokyo and Kansai.