

Kobe Workshop on International Law 2019

Japan's Withdrawal from ICRW/IWC and Commercial Whaling

13 June 2019

Venue: Kobe University, Rokkodai 1st Campus
[Faculty & Graduate School of Law \(Building II\)](#) (No.31),
3rd Floor, Middle Meeting Room

Chair: [Shigeki Sakamoto](#) (Professor, Doshisha University)

14:30-14:50 "Japanese Ocean Policy and Whaling"

[Constantinos Yiallourides](#) (Lecturer, University of Aberdeen;
Arthur Watts Research Fellow at BIICL; Researcher at University of Tokyo)

14:50-15:10 "Repeated Failure of the IWC Peace Talks and Japan's Withdrawal
from the ICRW"

[Joji Morishita](#) (Professor, Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology;
Former Chairman of IWC)

15:10-15:30 "Commercial Whaling and Sustainable Use: Two Sides of the Same Coin"

[Malgosia Fitzmaurice](#) (Professor, Queen Mary University of London)

15:30-15:50 "Whaling Case Again?: *Locus standi* under UNCLOS"

[Dai Tamada](#) (Professor, Kobe University)

15:50-16:20 Coffee break

16:20-17:40 Discussion

17:40-17:50 Concluding remarks

[Shigeki Sakamoto](#) (Professor, Doshisha University)

On 26 December 2018, the Government of Japan announced its withdrawal from the International Convention on the Regulation of Whaling (ICRW) and the International Whaling Commission (IWC) [[Statement by Chief Cabinet Secretary](#)]. The withdrawal enters into effect on 30 June 2019 and Japan will resume the commercial whaling from 1 July 2019.

No registration required.
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