

Tuesday, 17 November 2020, Zoom

12:00-13:30 CET | 14:00-15:30 MSK | 16:00-17:30 YEKT | 20:00-21:30 JST | 06:00-07:30 EST

Public Discussion

75 Years Since: Confronting memories of WWII in East Asia

On 2 September 2020, the world marked the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II (WWII), a war that remains one of the most painful and conflicting episodes in the memories of nations across the world. Many current conflicts are embedded in related history and in the use of history as a political tool.

The EU-Russia Civil Society Forum continues a series of discussions on the commemoration of WWII and ongoing sociopolitical debates revolving around its historical memory. In this discussion, we shall look at the aftermaths of WWII and challenges of commemoration in East Asia.

The speakers will seek answers to the following questions:

- What are the mainstream narratives on WWII history in East Asia which remain contested until today, and why?
- How is WWII reflected in the history education at school?
- What are the current challenges in the WWII commemoration within the region, and what are the obstacles for a political dialogue? What can be done about it?

Introduction:

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Speakers:

Jongsung Kim, Hiroshima University, Japan/ South Korea

Seiko Mimaki, Takasaki City University of Economics, Japan

Paul O'Shea, Centre for East and South-East Asian Studies, Lund University, Sweden

Moderator:

Daqing Yang, George Washington University, USA

Discussion will be in English, interpretation into Russian will be provided.

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