Prospects and Possibilities for Japan’s G7 Summit 2023: How Can Universities Contribute?
U7+ Alliance of World Universities

The U7+ Alliance of World Universities is the first coalition of university presidents aimed at defining concrete actions universities can take to collectively address global challenges in coordination with government leaders in G7 countries and beyond. Alliance members meet annually to establish a common agenda and identify key areas for coordinated action. Together, U7+ university presidents take stock of their universities’ unique civic and social responsibilities and pledge concrete action on behalf of their institutions to address the world’s most pressing challenges at local, regional and global levels. Photo: U7+ Summit 2022. Photo credit: Université Côte d’Azur.

G7 Research Group

The G7 Research Group is a global network of scholars, students and professionals in the academic, research, media, business, non-governmental, governmental and intergovernmental communities who follow the work of the G7 and related institutions. The group’s mission is to serve as the world’s leading independent source of information, analysis and research on the G7. Founded in 1987, it is managed from Trinity College in the University of Toronto and is responsible for the G7 Information Centre website as well as the G7 archives housed at the John W. Graham Library. Much of the research is conducted by undergraduate and graduate students at the University of Toronto and elsewhere, and by alumni/ae of the group who have gone on to professional careers in related fields. Each year, the G7 Research Group recruits analysts and researchers who work on compliance and related research projects. The compliance reports, independently produced under the direction of a student executive based at the University of Toronto, are made available to the public and distributed to a global list of stakeholders including the G7 leaders themselves.

Centre for the Study of Global Japan

Established on July 1, 2017, on the basis of a generous gift from the Government of Japan, the Centre for the Study of Global Japan facilitates research, teaching and public outreach about contemporary Japan. Within the Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy, it helps develop research networks, convenes lectures and workshops, hosts guest researchers, and seeks out new opportunities for faculty and student exchange between Canada and Japan. The Centre aims to deepen understanding between two G7 partners on global issues and policy challenges.
Program

9:00 AM

Opening Remarks

- Professor Meric Gertler, President, University of Toronto
- Madeline Koch, Executive Director, G7 Research Group, University of Toronto
- Professor Phillip Lipscy, Director, Centre for the Study of Global Japan, Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy, University of Toronto

9:15 AM

Session 1: Plans and Priorities for the 2023 G7 Summit

- Chair: Professor Phillip Lipscy, Director, Centre for the Study of Global Japan
- Keynote Address: H.E. Kanji Yamanouchi, Ambassador, Embassy of Japan in Canada
- David Morrison, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Personal Representative of the Prime Minister (Sherpa) for the G7 Summit

10:00 AM

Session 2: Key Issues in G7 Global Governance: What are the key issues and challenges facing G7 countries and beyond, above all the environment, health and security? How can the G7 summit and its members contribute?

- Chair and Moderator: Professor Louis Pauly, J. Stefan, Dupré Distinguished Professor of Political Economy, University of Toronto
- Dr. Satoshi Ezoe, Director, Global Health Strategy Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan
- Professor Miranda Schreurs, Chair, Climate and Environmental Policy, Bavarian School of Public Policy, Technical University of Munich
- Professor David Welch, University Research Chair, University of Waterloo and Balsillie School of International Affairs

11:00 AM

Refreshment and Networking Break

11:10 AM

Session 3: Innovation, Education, and Human Capital: What are the prospects and possibilities for education in the post-Covid world? What kind of role can universities play in promoting innovation and raising human capital in G7 countries and around the world? How can we foster greater inclusion and diversity? What kind of innovations are being implemented in educational contexts around the world? How can governments help improve quality of education and access to learning?

- Chair and Moderator: Professor Rie Kijima, Director, Initiative for Education Policy and Innovation, Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy
- Professor Keiko Honda, Columbia School of International and Public Affairs
- Professor Moussa Blimpo, Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy
- Professor Elizabeth Buckner, Ontario Institute of Studies in Education, University of Toronto
Program

Wednesday, February 15, 2023, Campbell Conference Facility, 1 Devonshire Place, Toronto

12:10 PM

Keynote Address (virtual)
- Ron Daniels, President, Johns Hopkins University

1:00 PM

Lunch and Networking Break

2:00 PM

Session 4: G7 Summit Engagement and Influence: What role can external actors have in the G7 summit? How can they influence and shape the agenda, discussion, and outcomes? How successful have G7 engagement groups been in this respect?
- Chair and Moderator: Gwen Burrows, Assistant Vice-President, International Engagement & Impact, University of Toronto
- Christopher Sands, Director, Wilson Center Canada Institute
- Atsuko Miwa, Co-Chair, W7 Japan 2023
- Professor Jean-Christophe Martin, Director, Institute of Peace and Development, Université Côte d’Azur; UNESCO Chair: Peace and Development through Law
- Jonathan Fried, Senior Advisor with Bennett Jones, LLP and the Albright Stonebridge Group
- Professor Joseph Wong, Roz and Ralph Halbert Professor of Innovation, Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy; Vice-President, International, University of Toronto
- Professor Motohiro Tsuchiya, Vice-President for Global Engagement, Keio University

3:00 PM

Refreshment and Networking Break

3:15 PM

Session 4 continued: How can universities contribute to addressing global challenges through multilateral governance? How can the U7+ become a more influential player in the G7 process? Given the specific priorities and possibilities for 2023, how can universities contribute?

4:45 PM

Session Highlights: The Way Forward - Embedding Universities in Global Discussions
- Professor Joseph Wong, Roz and Ralph Halbert Professor of Innovation, Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy; Vice-President, International, University of Toronto

5:00 PM

Reception: South House Lounge, Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy