

IIPS International Symposium

## Germany–Japan–Russia: Potentials for the Future

Tokyo

On October 7, 2011, the Institute for International Policy Studies (IIPS), together with Japanese-German Center Berlin (JDZB) and Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS), with cooperation by The Nippon Foundation, jointly hosted an international symposium entitled “Germany–Japan–Russia: Potentials for the Future” to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of establishment of the Treaty of Amity and Commerce between Japan and Germany and 150 years of friendship between Japan and Germany.

This symposium included participation by Russia, an important partner to both Japan and Germany. Leaders from the three countries discussed such issues as diplomacy, energy, natural resources, and security in terms of prospects for the future. Political leaders and researchers from Germany and Russia were invited, and experts from relevant fields from Japan participated. The panelists engaged in active discussion during the Public Symposium which was attended by both the German Ambassador to Japan and the Russian Ambassador to Japan, together with approximately 100 other attendees.



Dr. Friederike BOSSE of JDZB, Mr. Jörg WOLFF of KAS, and Mr. Ken SATO of IIPS each made welcoming remarks. The first keynote speech was given by Ambassador Moskwa BRANDENBURG and the second by Mr. TOGO Takehiro, former Ambassador of Japan to Russia. Ambassador BRANDENBURG spoke on the subject of Russia and Germany’s past and present and future possibilities for Russia and Asia in his speech entitled “Russia as Strategic Partner for Europe and Asia.” Ambassador TOGO spoke about the differences in postwar Japan-Russia relations and Germany-Russia relations in his speech “Looking North – Perspectives of Japanese-Russian Relations.”

Session 1, titled “Relations between Germany, Japan, Russia – Strengths and Weaknesses” featured a discussion chaired by Dr. Friedbert PFLUEGER, Professor, King’s College London with presentations by Dr. Andreas SHOCKENHOFF, Member of the German Parliament and discussion by Dr. Mikhail NOSOV, Deputy Director for Research, Russian Academy of Science and Ambassador TOGO. Dr. SHOCKENHOFF gave a presentation on “Enemies becoming friends!? German-Russian consultations as an

instrument for a reliable partnership”, which was followed by remarks from each panelist touching on Germany-Russia relations, Japan-Russia history, and discussion of underlying issues between the two countries. Then a lively question and answer session with participation from the attendees was held.

Session 2, titled “Energy and Natural Resources,” chaired by Dr. KITABATA Takao, Vice President of IIPS and formerly Parliamentary Vice Minister of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, featured discussion by Dr. Joachim PFEIFFER MP, Economic Policy Spokesman of the CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group, Member of the Committee of Economics and Technology; Dr. Mark ENTIN, Director of the European Studies Institute at the Moscow State University of International Relation (MGIMO) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia; and Mr. OKA Motoyuki, Japan-Russia Committee, Keidanren. Dr. ENTIN gave a presentation titled “Natural resources – A controversial issue or opportunity for foreign policy? The example of Russia and its relationship to Japan and Europe. Following that, each panelist made remarks regarding energy resources, and specifically about Russia’s natural gas resources, and how each country should cooperate for development and utilization.

Session 3, entitled “Stability in East Asia—Joint Task for Japan, Russia and Europe?,” chaired by Dr. KITAOKA Shinichi, Executive Director of Research, IIPS, and Professor, University of Tokyo, featured a discussion by Dr. PFLUEGER, Berlin City Council Member; Dr. Georgy TOLORAYA, Regional Director, “Russkiy Mir” Foundation; ロシアからは G.TOLORAYA Project Director, Director for Asia and Africa, “Russkiy Mir” Foundation and KAZAMA Naoki, Member, House of Councillors of Japan. Mr. KAZAMA gave a presentation entitled “German-Russian Relations and East Asia, Influence of the change of the power balance in Europe on East Asia. Then each panelist made remarks regarding such subjects



as the rise of China, and the North Korea issue which have a strong influence on East Asian security, as well as discussing the importance of Japan-Russia partnership. A Q&A session followed, and there was lively discussion between the panelists and attendees.

In the closing ceremony, Dr. Stefan

FRIEDRICH, Director Asia and the Pacific, KAS Berlin represented the hosts and gave remarks to conclude the symposium.