



## INVITATION TO A LECTURE ON JAPANESE DIPLOMACY

The Embassy of Japan in Budapest, Corvinus University of Budapest and Pázmány Péter Catholic University cordially invites you to the following lecture:

### “Return to the Age of Nationalism”

Lecturer (dispatched by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan):

MR. Kunihiko MIYAKE

Research Director, the Canon Institute for Global Studies  
Visiting Professor, Ritsumeikan University  
President, the Foreign Policy Institute

Mr. Miyake compares the current world situation to “STAR WARS” as following:

1. Instead of “The Force Awakens,” “The Dark Side Awakens.”

As the Cold War ended, the world has seen the widening gap between the rich and the poor domestically; those who are demoted from the middle class status display rage against the “establishment.” This rage, as Mr. Miyake calls it, draws people into “the Dark Side” and thus populism and nationalism are joining up around the globe.

2. “The Empires Strike Back” not “The Empire Strikes Back.”

Forces of the amalgam of populist nationalism and historical imperialism are rising to challenge the post-Cold War world order.

3. Instead of “The Phantom Menace,” “The Nuclear Menace”

Nuclear weapons will proliferate among states and non-states, and we are heading into an even more terrifying age.

Given the current condition, what can we do?

To put it simply, days of solving independent issues within independent regions such as Asia or Europe have ended. These *status quo* states are forced to tackle the whole issues through more global approach. On “the Dark Side,” the population is more concerned with domestic issues, while new empires are challenging the *status quo*. The global game of survival has already started and Europe and Japan had better deepen cooperation with each other.

Time: 18:00– 19:20 (including Q&A)

Date: Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

Venue: Main Building, Lecture Hall III. Corvinus University of Budapest  
1093 Budapest, Fővám tér 8.

The lecture will be conducted in English without interpretation.

Participants are kindly requested to register at [culture@bp.mofa.go.jp](mailto:culture@bp.mofa.go.jp)  
by September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016.