The disintegration of the Soviet Union in 1991 created the situation on not only political vacuum in Central Asia but generated number of political and economic problems in the region. The region is an ethnic mixture, prone to instability without a sense of national identity, but rather a disorder of historical cultural influences and religious dependability. This event aims to contribute to improved understanding of the status of geopolitical and economic settings in Central Asia, and to discuss these in relation with the issues of economic insecurity, migration, environmental issues and options for regional and international cooperation.

Co-organizers: Institute for International Studies and Training (IIST), United Nations University (UNU)

13:00 – Registration

13:30 – 13:45 Opening Remarks
Mr. Takato Ojimi, Vice President and Managing Director, IIST Japan
Prof. Hans J.A. van Ginkel, Rector, UNU

13:45 – 14:00 Welcoming Remarks
Representative of the Government of Japan

14:00 – 14:50 Introductory Lectures

Tajikistan – Issues and Policies
Dr. Kokul Kasirov, State Directorate of Protected Areas, Tajikistan

Kyrgyzstan – Issues and Policies
Prof. Asylbek A Aidalaliev, Special Adviser to the President, International University of Kyrgyzstan, Kyrgyz Republic

14:50 – 15:20 Commentary Lectures

Governance and Democracy Issues
Prof. Dr. Shigeki Hakamada, Aoyama University, Tokyo

Environmental Issues
Prof. Dr. Shinya Tsuru, Earthwatch-Japan

Economic Issues
Prof. Dr. Tetsuji Tanaka, Senior Advisor to the Rector of UNU, Executive Director of Central Asia and Caucasus Research Institute, Visiting Professor of National Graduate Institute of Policy Studies

15:20-15:35 Coffee/Tea Break

15:35 – 16:15 Roundtable Discussion
Chairman: Prof. Dr. Tetsuji Tanaka, Senior Advisor to the Rector of UNU

16:15 – 16:30 Closing Remarks