

Live Webinar
**The Role of Central Banks in the COVID-19 Pandemic:
The U.S., Japan, and Beyond**

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Featuring:

Patricia Mosser, Director, MPA Program in Economic Policy Management; Senior Research Scholar, School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), Columbia University

Koji Nakamura, General Manager for the Americas, Bank of Japan

Moderator:

Kathleen Hays, Global Economics & Policy Editor, Bloomberg Television and Radio

Welcoming Remarks:

Takatoshi Ito, Director, Program on Public Pension and Sovereign Funds, CJEB; Professor, SIPA, Columbia University

Joshua Walker, President & CEO, Japan Society

The economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has already surpassed past crises in terms of global reach and severity, and the world is struggling to come up with solutions. On May 1, 2020, the Center hosted a live webinar featuring Patricia Mosser and Koji Nakamura, with Kathleen Hays serving as moderator. The speakers discussed how central banks could maximize their roles to minimize the projected economic fallout and how central banks should coordinate their efforts. The experts noted how central banks in the U.S., Japan, and beyond have responded to the current situation and how the central banks' policies would mitigate the economic impact of this pandemic in the short and long term. They also shared their views on how to assess the effectiveness and outlook of central banks' policies. This webinar was cosponsored by the APEC Study Center, Columbia University, and Japan Society.