

# PLENARY SPEAKERS



## Hiroshi Yoneyama

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Hiroshi Yoneyama is President of Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU) and Vice-Chancellor and Trustee of the Ritsumeikan Trust. Before joining APU, he taught and served in various administrative positions at Ritsumeikan University for twenty-one years, including the Dean of Academic Affairs (AY2012-14) and the Dean of the Faculty of Letters and Trustee of the Ritsumeikan Trust (AY2018-19). As the Associate Dean of the Faculty of Letters in 2007, Mr. Yoneyama received an Outstanding Faculty and Staff Award from the Ritsumeikan Trust for implementing an effective curriculum management system. Before Ritsumeikan University, he held full-time positions at Toyo Women's College for five years and at the University of Tokyo for two years. Mr. Yoneyama's field of research is the immigration history of the United States, especially the formation of the Japanese community in California. He has contributed to reforming the framework of the field into the international mobility of the Japanese population in the modern era. He received two JSPS (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science) Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (A) for large-scale projects "An Interdisciplinary Study of the International Movement of the Japanese in the Pacific Region" (AY2006-9) and "Transnational Mobility and Occupations of Overseas Japanese in the Pacific Rim" (AY2013-17). His publications include "The International Movements of the Japanese and Their Pacific World" (in Japanese) (Kyoto: Bunrikaku, 2015) co-edited with Norifumi Kawahara, and "Internationalizing the Understanding of American History through Pre-WWII Japanese Immigrants' Participation in the Economy of Southern California," (in Japanese) "Journal of Cultural Sciences" (Literary Association of Ritsumeikan University), no. 597 (February 2007): 144-53. As Vice President of APU, he has been interviewed by many journals, including "Innovative Learning" (in Japanese) June 2022 issue: "Nurturing the Young People Needed for a Sustainable Society with APU's Three Pillars of Academic Innovation for 2023" and August 2023 issue: "APU: Establishment of a New College for Its 'Second Opening' and a New Approach to Recurrent Education", "Between" (in Japanese) no. 301 (January 2022) "APU Proposes a Redefinition of Global Education from the Standpoint of Enhancing the Sustainability of the University", and no. 309 (September 2023) "From APU of Japan to APU of the World: Education to Enable Students to be Competitive Anywhere".

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Miki Horie is a researcher and a practitioner of international and intercultural education. She has been committed to exploring mechanisms of personal growth through cross-border learning in order to develop programs for students to support their intercultural development and for educators to facilitate such process in various educational contexts throughout primary, secondary and higher education. She is also a school principal (2017-2020: Ritsumeikan Primary School and Ritsumeikan Junior and Senior High School, 2021-present: Ritsumeikan Primary School) and has been involved in a process of shaping school culture to promote "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion." Such experiences motivated her to develop her unique career identity as "Interculturalist-Principal." She also heads the BRIDGE Institute, a group of professional international education facilitators. She received BA and MA degrees in Education from Nagoya University, Japan, in 1995, and Ph.D. in Educational Policy and Administration in 2003 and the Distinguished Leadership Award for Internationals in 2009 from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, USA.



## FACILITATOR

### Yoshiki Shinohara, Ph.D.

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