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# Lecture Series 2026

Tokai University European Center (TUEC) in collaboration with Tokai Alumni Association Denmark is pleased to present the following lecture:

## *"Politics in Japan and the Current Takaichi Administration"*

By Associate Professor **Raymond Yamamoto** of Aarhus University

**Date & Time**: Thursday, November 12th, from 19:00-21:00
**Place**: Tokai University European Center (TUEC) & Zoom
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**Format:** Hybrid event with either **online participation** or **physical attendance** at TUEC
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- Online: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_F0IOcALjSmmM6qGBo8hhpA
- To attend in person at TUEC in Vedbæk, send an e-mail to: tuec@u-tokai.dk
  - ❖ Due to limited seating, registrations will be handled on a "first come, first served" basis.
  - ❖ TUEC's address: Vedbæk Strandvej 476, 2950 Vedbæk.

**About the presentation**:

After years of instability within the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) following the end of the Abe Shinzō era in 2020, Prime Minister Takaichi Sanae, who became Japan's first female prime minister in October 2025, appears to have restored much of the party's electoral strength and public support. Yet beneath the surface, the situation remains far more complicated. Tensions persist between factions within the LDP, while relations with coalition partners continue to require careful management. At the same time, Japan faces a range of pressing challenges, including economic stagnation, demographic decline, and an increasingly demanding international environment.

This presentation explores the opportunities and constraints facing the Takaichi administration by examining recent domestic and foreign policy developments. Has Japan entered a new political era marked by significant change, or does the Takaichi government ultimately represent continuity with established patterns in Japanese politics? By addressing this question, the talk sheds light on Japan's current political and strategic trajectory and the direction it may take in the years ahead.

**About Raymond Yamamoto**:

Raymond Yamamoto is Associate Professor at the Department of Global Studies, Aarhus University, Denmark. His research focuses on contemporary Japanese politics and Asia-Pacific international relations. He is also Adjunct Fellow at the Pacific Forum, Honolulu, USA.