

# Careers in International Organizations

Featuring a Special Lecture by Ms. Mariko Sato,  
Director, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Tokyo Office



Curious about study and work in international organisations?  
The session will give you a window into the learning experience and ongoing research at UNU-IAS, as well as what it is like to work at the United Nations. Don't miss the chance to learn firsthand about the academic and professional opportunities that the UN has to offer.

**10 January 2020 (Fri.)**

12.00–14.00 (Registration 11.30–12.00)

Venue:

Library/Multi-Purpose Space, 2F  
United Nations University

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## Programme

**Part I Overview of UNU and UNU-IAS**  
Nicholas Turner, Programme Officer  
**UNU-IAS Research Activities,**  
Philip Vaughter, Research Fellow,  
**UNU-IAS Postgraduate Degree Programmes**

**Part II Special Lecture, Mariko Sato, UNFPA**  
*Current UNU-IAS students will be available for informal discussion after Parts I and II.*

Please register by 5 January 2020.  
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This event will be in English only.

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Special Lecture

## United Nations is a Mean not a Goal - Shift from Urban Planning to Family Planning -

Ms. Mariko Sato,  
Director, UNFPA Tokyo Office

### Summary of the Special Lecture

Mariko was born to a family in a provincial town in Japan where her father believed women do not deserve higher education. She faced various discriminations as a woman, which made her pursue gender studies and determined to work for gender equality and empowering those who are most vulnerable and left behind.

Mariko will share her experiences and what skills helped her carry out her tasks throughout her 22 years of working for the UN. What appears to be most important is to determine what missions one wishes to achieve or contribute to. The means for reaching these goals then follow.

### About the Lecturer

Prior to joining UNFPA in September 2017, Mariko worked for UN-Habitat since 1998. She worked at UN-Habitat's Regional Office based in Fukuoka as a human settlement officer, and at its Geneva Office as a coordinator for rapid response for settlements in crisis. She was then posted in Bangkok as Chief of the Bangkok Office since its opening in 2009. Mariko is currently serving as advisors to universities in Japan and a local revitalization advisor to the City of Kamaishi. Prior to joining the UN, Mariko managed programmes for CITYNET, the Regional Network of Local Authorities for the Management of Human Settlements based in Yokohama. She also worked for the Mayor of Akita City in Japan as well as a Japanese bank in New York City. Mariko holds an M.A. in International Affairs from Columbia University (SIPA), with a focus on development studies.



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