

【Panelist Biographies】

Speaker 1

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Dr. Asano is a professor in the Faculty of Law at Doshisha University. He holds a master's degree in public administration and a bachelor's degree in liberal arts from the International Christian University. He specializes in contemporary Chinese politics, with a particular interest in Chinese foreign policy and security issues.

Speaker 2

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Discussant

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Dr. Jaehwan Lim is a professor in the department of international politics at Aoyama Gakuin University. He completed his PhD in political science at the University of Tokyo and also pursued doctoral studies at New York University. He specializes in contemporary Chinese politics, with a particular interest in elite politics and political economy. Professor Lim's recent publications include "Policy Agenda and Trajectory of the Xi Jinping Administration: Textual Evidence from 2012 to 2021" (coauthored, RIETI Policy Discussion Paper Series, 2023), "Catching the Political Leader's Signal: Economic Policy Uncertainty and Firm Investment in China" (coauthored, *China Economic Review*, 2023). He completed his B.A at Seoul National University and served as a visiting scholar at Harvard, Yale, and Peking University.

Moderator

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