

SSU Forum (2025.3–2019.4)

[SSU Forum/UTokyo Cambridge Voice: “UK–Japan Security and Defense Partnerships in the Indo-Pacific”](#)

Speaker 1: John Nilsson-Wright (Associate Professor, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (FAMES), University of Cambridge)

Speaker 2: Yee-Kuang Heng (Professor, Graduate School of Public Policy, The University of Tokyo)

[SSU Forum/GraSPP Research Seminar “The Production of Deterrence in the PLA Rocket Force: Nuclear Rituals, Control and Sacrifice”](#)

Speaker: Cameron Hunter (Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Copenhagen, Denmark)

[“Economic Coercion: US–China conflict and changes in China’s industrial policy”](#)

Keynote speech: DING Ke (Senior Research Fellow, The Institute of Developing Economies (IDE))

[“Industrial Policy and Trade Order Amid Geopolitical Competition”](#) (Japanese site)

Keynote speech: Naoko Munakata (Professor, Graduate school of Public Policy, the University of Tokyo)

[“Economic Coercion: Discussions in Japan and the U.S.”](#)

Keynote speech: Kotaro SHIOJIRI (Visiting Fellow, Wilson Center)

[Book Launch Event “Upstart–How China Became a Great Power”](#)

Keynote speech: Oriana Skylar MASTRO (Center Fellow, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies/Courtesy Assistant Professor of Political Science, Stanford University)

[“Disruption and Diversity in Australia’s Economic Security”](#)

Keynote speech: Jeffrey Wilson (Director of Research and Economics, Australian Industry Group)

[“A nuclear North Korea: where do we go from here?”](#)

Speaker 1: Edward HOWELL (Lecturer in Politics, Christ Church, University of Oxford)

Speaker 2: Alastair MORGAN (former British Ambassador to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea / Ushioda Fellow, Tokyo College of the University of Tokyo)

[“Safeguarding Undersea Communication Cables: Critical Global Infrastructure and Geopolitical Battleground”](#)

Presentation 1: Brendon Cannon (Assistant Professor, Institute of International and Civil Security, Khalifa University, Abu Dhabi, UAE)

Presentation 2: Tetsuya Yano (Professor, Faculty of Law, Osaka University of Economics and Law)

[Book Launch Event “Xi Jinping’s Military Strategy”](#) (Japanese site)

Keynote speech 1: Ryo Asano (Professor, Faculty of Law, Doshisha University)

Keynote speech 2: Takahiro Tsuchiya (Associate Professor, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Kyoto University of Advanced Science)

[“Economic and Security Policies Concerning China and the EU”](#) (Japanese site)

Keynote speech: Hodaka Machida (Senior research fellow, The Panasonic Research Institute)

[SSU Forum/GraSPP Research Seminar “The Hiroshima G7 Summit: Significance, Security, and Japanese Leadership”](#)

Speaker: Tristen Naylor (Assistant Professor, Department of Politics and International Studies, University of Cambridge)

[“Ukrainian Reconstruction: Ways and Mechanisms”](#)

Keynote speech: Sergiy Korsunsky (Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of UKRAINE to JAPAN)

[“Authoritarian Regional Organizations”](#)

Keynote speech: Stephan Haggard (Professor, University of California, San Diego)

[“Security Exceptions Clauses under Free Trade Agreements”](#)

Keynote speech: Takemasa Sekine (Professor, Graduate School of International Social Sciences, Yokohama National University)

[“The Rise of the Chinese Techno-Security State Under Xi Jinping”](#)

Keynote speech: Tai Ming Cheung (Professor, University of California San Diego)

[“Japan’s Effectiveness as a Geo-Economic Actor: Navigating Great-Power Competition”](#)

Keynote speech 1: Robert Ward (IISS Japan Chair and Director of Geo-economics and Strategy)

Keynote speech 2: Yuka Koshino (IISS Research Fellow for Science and Technology Policy)

[“Human Rights and the State”](#)

Keynote speech: Kiyoteru Tsutsui (Professor, Stanford University)

[“Approaches to U.S.–China Technology Competition: Perspectives from Media Studies and Sociology”](#)

Keynote speech 1: Aynne Kokas (Associate professor, Department of Media Studies at the University of Virginia)

Keynote speech 2: Seio Nakajima (Professor of Sociology and Asian Studies at the Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University)

[“US–China Competition over Innovation Strategies and High-Tech Industry Development Policies: The Current Situation and Implications for the Future”](#)

Keynote speech 1: Aynne Kokas (Associate professor, Department of Media Studies at the University of Virginia)

Keynote speech 2: Seigo Nakajima (Professor of Sociology and Asian Studies at the Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University)

[SSU Forum/GraSPP Research Seminar “The Indopacific – a priority for France”](#)

Keynote speech: Philippe Setton (Ambassador of France to Japan)

[“UTokyo–Cambridge Voices: Resilience and Global Risks”](#)

Speaker 1: Matthijs Maas (Postdoctoral Research Associate at the Centre for the Study of Existential Risk University of Cambridge)

Speaker 2: Hideaki Shiroyama (Director of Institute for Future Initiatives, Professor of Graduate School of Public Policy and Graduate Schools for Law and Politics)

[“Current and Future of US–China Competitions over the Development of Critical Technologies: How Much Government-led Approaches Matter?”](#)

Keynote speech 1: Jacqueline Deal (President CEO, The Long Term Strategy Group)

Keynote speech 2: Jaehwan LIM (Professor, the School of International Politics, Economics and Communication, Aoyama Gakuin University)

SSU Forum/GraSPP Research Seminar “US Withdrawal from Afghanistan: Implications and Lessons Learned”

Keynote speech: Stephen Biddle (Professor, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University)

SSU Forum/GraSPP Research Seminar “Indo-Pacific Strategy: The Netherlands Indo-Pacific Guidelines and the European Union Context”

Speaker: Peter van der Vliet (Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Japan)

“Japan-US-China Triangle Relations after the 2020 Presidential Election”

Panel 1: “The US New Administration’s Policies on China/Asia and Its Implication to Japan”

Keynote speech: Sheila Smith (Senior Fellow for Japan Studies, Council on Foreign Relations (CFR))

Panel 2: “Science & Technology, Economics, and Security: US/China policy trends and the role of policies”

Speaker 1: Kazuto Suzuki (Graduate School of Public Policy, The University of Tokyo) (US policy expert)

Speaker 2: Asei Ito (Institute of Social Science, The University of Tokyo) (Chinese policy expert)

UTokyo-Cambridge Voices “Global Risks and Public Policy”

Speaker 1: Clarissa Rios Rojas (Research Associate at the Centre for the Study of Existential Risk (CSER), The University of Cambridge)

Speaker 2: Yee-Kuang Heng (Professor, Graduate School of Public Policy, The University of Tokyo)

UTokyo-Cambridge Voices “East Asia at Risk: Regional Insecurity and the Future of Alliances”

Speaker 1: John Nilsson-Wright (Senior University Lecturer, The University of Cambridge)

Speaker 2: Kiichi Fujiwara (Director of Institute for Future Initiatives, Professor of International Politics at the Graduate Schools of Law and Politics, The University of Tokyo)

[SSU Forum/GraSPP Research Seminar “The Future of International Health Cooperation after the COVID-19 Crisis”](#)

Panel 1: “Structural Problems of International Health Cooperation in the COVID 19 crisis”

Panelists:

- (1) Kenji Shibuya (Professor, King’ s College London) “A crisis of global health systems in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic”
- (2) Ayako Takemi (Project member, Institute for Future Initiatives, The University of Tokyo) “Global Health and Security – Historical Context and COVID-19”
- (3) Hideaki Shiroyama (Professor, Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, The University of Tokyo) “The Issues and Future of Global Health Governance”

Panel 2: “Sociopolitical Problems caused by COVID 19”

Panelists:

- (1) Yukio Takasu (Chairman of the NPO “Human Security” Forum / Special Advisor to the Secretary-General of the United Nations on Human Security / Visiting Professor at Ritsumeikan University) “How the UN System responded to COVID-19 outbreak: Challenges and Prospects for Future Pandemic”
- (2) Yee-Kuang Heng (Professor, Graduate School of Public Policy, the University of Tokyo) “Living in COVID-19 Risk Societies: The challenges of Risk Assessment and Management in European and Southeast Asian Countries”
- (3) Kazuyo Hanai (Assistant Professor, Institute for Future Initiatives, the University of Tokyo) “Social Impact of COVID-19 on Conflict-Affected Areas in Africa”

[“Technology and Security: Japan’ s Policy Agenda in the age of US-China Rivalry for Critical and Emerging Technologies”](#) (Japanese site)

Panelist: Kanehira, Nobukatsu (Former Deputy Secretary-General of National Security Secretariat (NSS) and Assistant Chief Cabinet Secretary of Japan’ s Government/
Professor, Doshisha University)

[SSU Forum/GraSPP Research Seminar “China’ s Approach to Eurasia: Its Visions and Impact”](#)

Speaker 1: Masuda Masayuki (Senior Fellow, National Institute for Defense Studies (NIDS), Japan)

Speaker 2: Yamazoe Hiroshi (Senior Fellow, National Institute for Defense Studies (NIDS), Japan)

Speaker 3: Takahara Akio (Professor, Graduate School of Law and Politics and Dean of the Graduate School of Public Policy, The University of Tokyo)

Speaker 4: Sahashi Ryo (Associate Professor of International Politics, Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia, The University of Tokyo)

SSU Forum/GraSPP Research Seminar “Asia’s Preferential Trade and Investment Partnerships in the post-TPP Era”

Speaker: Kiyoshi Adachi (Chief of the Intellectual Property Unit of the Division on Investment and Enterprise at the Geneva-based United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD))

SSU Forum/GraSPP Research Seminar “Atomic Assurance: The Alliance Politics of Nuclear Proliferation”

Speaker: Alexander Lanoszka (Assistant Professor, International Relations, University of Waterloo)

SSU Forum/GraSPP Research Seminar “UN Peace Operations: Today and Tomorrow”

Speaker 1: Atul Khare (Under-Secretary-General of the UN Department of Operational Support)

Speaker 2: Fumio Iwai (Director-General of the International Peace Cooperation Headquarters, Cabinet Office, Government of Japan)

SSU Forum/GraSPP Research Seminar “European Responses to China — Integration or Fragmentation ? ”

Speaker 1: Ulf Sverdrup (Professor and Director of the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI))

Speaker 2: Wrenn Yennie Lindgren (Research fellow at Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI))

SSU Forum/GraSPP Research Seminar “Empire of Hope: The Sentimental Politics of Japanese Decline”

Speaker: David Leheny (Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University)