

List of Participants

Keynote Speaker

Kent E. Calder Director, Edwin O. Reischauer Center for East Asian Studies, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University

Earned his PhD in government from Harvard University. Has served as special adviser to the US ambassador to Japan; special adviser to the US assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific affairs; first executive director of Harvard University's Program on US-Japan Relations; professor at Princeton University, 1983-2003; and Japan chair, Center for Strategic and International Studies. His recent publications include *Asia in Washington* and *The New Continentalism: Energy and Twenty First Century Eurasian Geopolitics*.



Moderator and Panelist

Watanabe Yasushi Professor, Keiō University

Earned his PhD in social anthropology from Harvard University. Has been an associate at Harvard's Weatherhead Center for International Affairs and a fellow at Cambridge University. Works include *Amerikan Sentā* (The American Center) and *Bunka to gaikō* (Culture and Diplomacy).



Moderators

Andrew Horvat Visiting Professor, Jōsai International University

Journalist based in Japan for more than 20 years. Has worked for the Associated Press, the *Los Angeles Times*, and the *Independent* of London. Japan representative of the Asia Foundation, 1999–2005; director of Stanford Japan Center. Author and translator of nine books, including *Japanese Beyond Words* and *Kaikoku no susume* (*Open Up, Japan!*).



Kondō Motohiro Former Editor in Chief, *Chūō Kōron*; President, Japanese Society for Global Social and Cultural Studies

Studied history at the University of Tokyo. Edited *Chūō Kōron* from 1985 to 1988. He has been a visiting researcher at the University of Michigan, a research advisor to the Matsushita Institute of Government and Management, and a professor at Nihon University's Graduate School of Social and Cultural Studies.



Panelists

Lily Gardner Feldman Senior Fellow, American Institute for Contemporary German Studies, Johns Hopkins University

Earned her PhD in political science from MIT. Professor of political science at Tufts University, 1978–91. Has published extensively on German foreign policy, German-Jewish relations, international reconciliation, nonstate entities as foreign policy players, and the EU as an international actor. Her work on Germany's reconciliation policy has led to lecture tours in Japan and South Korea. Author of *Germany's Foreign Policy of Reconciliation: From Enmity to Amity* and other works.



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Born in Syria. Majored in psychology at the American University of Beirut. After completing the filmmaking course at the London Film Academy, studied film theory at the University of Tokyo. Completed the doctoral course in film theory at Nagoya University in 2007. As a freelance journalist and producer, reports on Japan-related topics including nuclear power and energy, the Aomori Nebuta Festival, and Izumo Taisha Grand Shrine Arab for TV stations.



Ogoura Kazuo Former President, Japan Foundation

Graduated from the University of Tokyo, where he majored in law. Subsequently received a bachelor's degree in economics from Cambridge University. Joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where his career included terms as ambassador to Vietnam, South Korea, and France. President of the Japan Foundation, 2003–11; secretary general of the Council of the Tokyo 2020 Bid Committee through September 2013.



Holger Finken Resident Director, Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst in Tokyo (DAAD)

Studied material science at the National University of Science and Technology "MISIS" (former State Technological University "Moscow Institute of Steel and Alloys"), 1977–82. Earned his PhD in engineering from the Freiberg University of Mining and Technology. Has worked for DAAD since 2001. Handled academic exchanges with Russia and Belarus for eight years; assumed his present post in August 2009.



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Born in Seoul; raised in South Korea and Japan. Earned his doctorate in law from Hitotsubashi University. Specializes in East Asian international relations, Japanese diplomacy, and Japanese and Korean pop culture. His recent works include *Kishi seiken ki no "Ajia gaikō"* ("Asia Diplomacy" During the Kishi Administration) and *Hanryu to Iruryu: Bunka kara yomitoku Nik-Kan shinjidai* (New age of Korea and Japan: Reading from the Korean and Japanese culture booms).



Mao Danqing Professor, Kobe International University

Graduated from Peking University with a degree in East Asian languages. Served two years as an assistant at the Institute of Philosophy, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. Came to Japan in 1987. Studied at Mie University and worked at a trading company before becoming a writer. His works include *Nippon mushi no me kikō* (Seeing Japan Through Bug Eyes). Launched *Zhiri* (Know Japan), a monthly magazine introducing Japanese culture to Chinese readers, in 2011.

