

The East West Center in Washington in cooperation with the Slavic Research Center and Border Studies Program of Hokkaido University and the Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA invite you to an Asia Pacific Security Seminar:

The United States-Japan Alliance and Maritime Security Challenges

Featuring:

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Richard Bush, Brookings Institution

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Maritime security challenges are increasingly at the center of Asia-Pacific regional security concerns. While much of the focus has been on tensions in the South China Sea, there are also maritime and territorial disputes in Northeast Asia. This seminar will consider responses to maritime security challenges in the context of the United States-Japan alliance. Experts from the United States and Japan will make initial presentations followed by active discussion among participants.

Tuesday, December 6

1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

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1819 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, Sixth Floor Conference Room

This event is free and open to the public.

Koji Furukawa is an associate professor at the Faculty of Law at Chukyo University, and a specialist on Japanese border policies and Japan's foreign policy toward international organizations.

Akihiro Sado is a professor in the School of Business and Public Policies at Chukyo University, and a specialist Japan's foreign policy, including the role of the JSDF and the postwar Japanese defense system.

Richard Bush, is Director for Northeast Asian Policy Studies at the Brookings Institution, and is a specialist on China-Taiwan relations, U.S.-China relations, the Korean peninsula and Japan's security. His most recent book on Sino-Japan relations is entitled *The Perils of Proximity: China-Japan Security Relations*.

Andrew Oros is a professor at Washington College, and is a specialist on the international and comparative politics of East Asia. He is currently completing a project on China-Japan-US security cooperation under a Japan Foundation Abe Fellowship.

Akihiro Iwashita is a professor at the Slavic Research Center at Hokkaido University and representative of the Global COE program on "Reshaping Japan's Border Studies." In 2011, the 24th Regional Publishers Cultural Achievement Prize was awarded to his book entitled *Japan's Borders: How to break the "Spell"* (in Japanese).

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