

GRIPS-Mansfield Foundation Joint Seminar

Date: Thursday, March 19, 2015 Time: 12:00-13:30

Venue: The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) 1st Floor, Room 1AB

“ Idealism and Realpolitik – The Dual Nature of U.S. Overseas Assistance”

Speaker : **Ariel Wyckoff** (Mansfield Fellow)
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Moderator: **Masaei Matsunaga**
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Description: The United States has gained recognition across the world as the consistently largest provider of overseas assistance to foreign countries and multilateral institutions over the past 76 years.

Beginning in the aftermath of World War II, the United States has recognized the value of facilitating and empowering the reconstruction, development, and prosperity of other nations. Promoting such development through foreign economic and military assistance has taken different forms in different eras, and has related very much to the global standing of the United States and its allies. While ostensibly based on altruistic or humanitarian motives, U.S. foreign assistance has also served the arguably parochial purpose of promoting liberal economic thinking and the development of democratic governance systems overseas.

This presentation will provide an overview of the changing dynamics involved with provision of U.S. foreign assistance from the era of the Marshall Plan through today, and explore the themes of idealism and realpolitik as they relate to this topic. Included in this presentation will be a discussion of the evolution of the various temporary and permanent agencies and programs through which the United States has delivered foreign assistance -- particularly non-military assistance ultimately resulting in the establishment of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Mr. Wyckoff will begin the discussion with a general introduction to overseas development assistance (ODA), then discuss the ways in which U.S. foreign assistance differs in some regards from more traditional forms of ODA, before delving into the history described above.

Masaei Matsunaga, professor of National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies will serve as a moderator for the event. He has many sorts of experiences in ODA administration at Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Foreign Ministry, ranging from project management on the frontline to the formulation of national policies and reform plans. He has joined GRIPS in 2012, and engaged in studies mainly on the issue of governance.

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The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies

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