

GRIPS-Mansfield Foundation Joint Seminar

Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 Time: 12:00-13:30

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

“The Hanford Story: Nuclear Environmental Cleanup and Atomic Tourism in Southeastern Washington State”

Speaker : **Cameron Salony** (Mansfield Fellow)
U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office

Moderator: **Hisanori Nei**
Professor
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)

Description: Mansfield Fellow Cameron Salony is a public affairs specialist for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Richland Operations Office at the Hanford Site, a nuclear cleanup site in southeastern Washington state. The Hanford Site sits adjacent to the Columbia River and for over 40 years was the primary producer of plutonium for national defense. Production of plutonium ceased with the end of the Cold War in 1989, and a new chapter of environmental cleanup began. This latest chapter is one of thousands of employees demolishing facilities, digging up contaminated debris and soil, remediating contaminated groundwater, building a treatment plant to isolate millions of gallons of waste, and placing former plutonium production reactors in a safe storage state until they are removed from the landscape.

Protecting the Columbia River from contamination is a priority for DOE, the nation, and residents of the Pacific Northwest. Fifty-one miles (82 kilometers) of the river runs through the site, and approximately one million people live in more than 40 towns and cities downstream. DOE is committed to protecting the river and restoring the land and groundwater to its highest beneficial use. Many officials from Japan have visited the site to learn about the cleanup and how Hanford's best practices, methods and technologies may be applied to the Fukushima cleanup. Mr. Salony will detail the history of, and the cleanup progress at, the site and talk about the importance of community outreach throughout the cleanup process.

Hisanori Nei, professor of National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies will serve as a moderator for the event. He has joined the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) at 1981 and served as the director, Nuclear Power Inspection Div. and Deputy Director General for Nuclear Fuel Cycle Policy including the regulation of Decommission Processes at Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency (NISA), METI.

When Tohoku off- Pacific Earthquake hit the Fukushima-Daiichi, TEPCO, he worked more with U.S. mission and coordinated the Government Official Report to the IAEA. June and September of 2011, he was assigned as councilor at cabinet secretary for restoring the Nuclear Accident. He has joined GRIPS in 2014 as professor.

***Language: English** ***Admission Free.**
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The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies

GRIPS was established in October 1997, superseding the Graduate School of Policy Science (GSPS) at Saitama University, which was the first graduate school for Policy Studies in Japan. GRIPS is a government-sponsored graduate school and research institute which has been restructured into an entirely new and unique entity. GRIPS aims to be an international center of excellence for the education of future leaders in the policy arena, for the advancement of policy research, and for the systematic collection and dissemination of policy-related information. In order to accomplish these aims, a Graduate School, a Policy Research Center and a Policy Information Center have been established. GRIPS is the first graduate school without facilities for undergraduates in Japan in the wider disciplines of social science. GRIPS is located in Roppongi, Tokyo, with easy access to the political and business headquarters of Japan.

The degree programs are designed to attract outstanding students and thoroughly prepare them for distinguished careers in policy setting. After a period of thorough preparation since its foundation in 1997, GRIPS welcomed its first domestic students in April 2000, followed six months later by the first international students. More than half of the student-intake of GRIPS consist of international students coming from nearly forty countries in Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe. Our students normally have three to five years experience working for governments, central banks, custom offices or other relevant organizations. The International Programs at GRIPS are conducted solely in English, while Domestic Programs are taught in Japanese.

GRIPS aims to be the center of a consortium, consisting of industry, government and academia, for the exchange of information, ideas and personnel among graduate schools, government-related institutes and private research institutes in Japan. In addition, through its international faculty, student body and alumni, and by promoting international exchange of policy research and information, GRIPS aims to establish an international network among academics and government officials in the field of policy studies, contributing to the promotion of a better understanding among peoples around the world in an age of globalization.

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation was created in 1983 to advance Maureen and Mike Mansfield's life-long efforts to promote understanding and cooperation among the nations and peoples of Asia and the United States. The Foundation sponsors exchanges, dialogues and publications that create networks among U.S. and Asian leaders, explore the underlying issues influencing public policies, and increase awareness about the nations and peoples of Asia. The Mansfield Foundation's geographic focus is Northeast Asia and India as it relates to that region. The Foundation receives support from individuals, corporations and philanthropic organizations. It also provides support to The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at the University of Montana (<http://www.umt.edu/mansfield/default.php>)

The Mansfield Fellowship Program - named after Mike Mansfield, former U.S. ambassador to Japan, U.S. Senate majority leader, and U.S. congressman from Montana - is a first-of-its-kind program for the United States and Japan. The U.S. Congress created the Mansfield Fellowships in 1994 to build a corps of U.S. federal government employees with proficiency in the Japanese language and practical, firsthand knowledge about Japan and its government. During the one-year program in Japan, Fellows develop an in-depth understanding of Japan's government and policymaking process and establish relationships with their counterparts in the government of Japan and the business, professional and academic communities. The Mansfield Fellowships are administered by the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation, with the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, as grantor.

The Foundation has offices in Washington, D.C., Tokyo, Japan, and Missoula, Montana.