

GRIPS-Mansfield Foundation Joint Seminar

Date: Wednesday, May 18, 2016 Time: 12:00-13:30

Venue: The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), 3rd Floor, Meeting Room 3C

“Rethinking National Action Plans on Women, Peace & Security: Opportunities for U.S.-Japan Defense Partnership”

Speaker :

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Moderator:

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Description:

On 29 September 2015, the Government of Japan (GOJ) announced the publication of its first-ever National Action Plan (NAP) on Women, Peace and Security (WPS). This was one of several policy measures taken last year by the Abe administration to highlight gender equality as essential to the creation and sustainment of prosperous societies. Also last year, the governments of the United States and Japan published new Guidelines for Japan-U.S. Defense Cooperation, and the GOJ passed new security legislation through the National Diet. Both reflect a move toward collective self-defense and a shift in the capabilities of the U.S.-Japan defense partnership. As the GOJ continues to discuss how best to implement their NAP on WPS and carry out the new defense guidelines and security legislation, now is an ideal time to consider the ways in which these agendas are aligned and, more specifically, how they relate to U.S.-Japan bilateral defense cooperation and security strategy.

Captain Herrera will provide a brief summary of the roots and progress of the Women, Peace and Security agenda, discuss key issues and evidence supporting the need for rigorous gender mainstreaming in the field of peace and security, and present a policy comparison of the defense-related elements of the U.S. and Japan's National Action Plans on Women, Peace and Security. She will also present her ideas for bilateral cooperation under both countries' current NAPs and propose an alternative path forward to review and revise them to better fit the strategic and operational reality of the U.S.-Japan defense relationship.

Yoko Iwama, professor of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) will serve as a moderator for the event. She received a PhD from the Faculty of Law, Kyoto University. She joined GRIPS as Associate Professor in 2000 and became Professor in 2009. Her specialty is International Politics, especially European Diplomatic History. Currently her fields of interest are the origins and the evolution of the nuclear-sharing and nuclear-consultation system in NATO, and its relationship with the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. She has served on numerous government committees including the “Council on Reconstruction of a Legal Basis for Security” (2006-7, 2013-14), which produced the preparatory report for the Abe government's security legislation, including the reinterpretation of the Constitution.

***Language: English**

***Admission Free.**

***Please bring your own lunch.**

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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.

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The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation

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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.

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