

## GRIPS-Mansfield Foundation Joint Seminar

### “The Future of the U.S.-Japan-South Korea Trilateral Relationship: Opportunities for Cooperation and Enduring Challenges”

日米韓三国関係の将来：協力の機会と継続する課題

Tuesday, May 30th, 2023 12:10-13:40 Online (Zoom Webinar)

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Speaker:	<p><b>Colin Timmerman</b> (Mansfield Fellow)          コリン・ティーマーマン (マンスフィールド・フェロー)          Senior Legislative Assistant, U.S. House of Representatives          立法顧問、米国連邦下院議員</p>
Moderator:	<p><b>Harukata Takenaka</b> 竹中治堅 政策研究大学院大学 教授          Professor and Director, Open Concentration; National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)</p>
Description:	<p>Over the past half-century, the trilateral relationship between the United States, Japan, and the Republic of Korea (ROK) has emerged as a strategic framework in the Indo-Pacific region of immense consequence. However, despite shared interests in regional security and expanding global trade and investment opportunities, trilateral ties have been repeatedly hampered by lingering resentment and distrust, often stemming from historical tensions and territorial disputes.</p> <p>This presentation will highlight key opportunities for trilateral cooperation, such as expanding economic partnership, strengthening regional security coordination, and aligning interests on global issues. The presentation will also identify challenges which endanger trilateral cooperation and will require attention and compromise from all three nations to resolve.</p> <p><b>Colin Timmerman</b> brings years of experience as a United States Congressional staff member to Tokyo, Japan as part of the 26th Class of the Mansfield Fellowship Program. His work over the past year includes placements in Japan’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defense, and the National Diet. He most recently served as an advisor on foreign affairs and defense issues for Congresswoman Young Kim (CA-39) with a focus on Indo-Pacific security issues and enhancing trilateral US-Japan-ROK cooperation. Mr. Timmerman is a native of Iowa, where he received a BA in Political Science from Drake University with a triple minor in Data Analytics, East Asian Studies, and Japanese Language.</p> <p><b>Harukata Takenaka</b> is a professor at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) in Tokyo. He holds a PhD from Stanford University and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Tokyo. His key research areas are the role the prime minister in Japanese politics, changes in Japanese external policy, and democratization in Pre-war Japan.</p> <p>Prof. Takenaka’s recent publications include: “<u>Kyokoku Chugoku</u>” to Taijisuru Indo-Taiheiyo Shokoku [Indo-Pacific Nations facing China aspiring to be a “Great Country”](edited) (Tokyo: Chikura Shobo, 2022), “Evolution of Japanese security policy and the House of Councilors,” <u>Japanese Journal of Political Science</u>, 22:2, (June 2021), 96-115, Korona Kiki no Seiji [Politics of Covid 19 Crisis](Tokyo: Chuo Koron Shinsha, 2020), “Expansion of the Japanese prime minister’s power in the Japanese parliamentary system: Transformation of Japanese politics and the institutional reforms,” <u>Asian Survey</u>, 59:5:844-869 (September 2019); <u>Failed Democratization in Prewar Japan</u> (Stanford University Press 2014).</p>

\*Language: English

\*Admission: Free

\*This seminar will be off the record.

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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.

GRIPS 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 its first international students. About two-thirds of the student-intake of GRIPS consist of international students coming from over sixty countries in Asia, Africa, and Eastern Europe. Students normally have three to five years working experience 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

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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 a 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's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs as grantor.

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