

# GRIPS-Mansfield Foundation Joint Seminar

## “U.S.-Japan Space Security” 米国宇宙軍と日米宇宙安全保障

Friday, January 23, 2026 12:10-13:10 Online (Zoom Webinar)

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Description:	<p>The growing importance of space in national security and defense calls for stronger international cooperation, particularly between the United States and Japan. Both nations face significant challenges in securing space operations, especially amid rising competition and security threats in the Indo-Pacific region. In response, Japan has committed to a substantial increase in its defense budget, with a clear focus on enhancing its space defense capabilities. These changes mark a pivotal shift in Japan's security approach, although the full impact remains to be seen. In this evolving geopolitical landscape, both challenges and opportunities arise for deeper U.S.-Japan collaboration in space security. The U.S. Space Force's role, alongside Japan's evolving space defense policies shaped by these budgetary shifts, provides a strategic framework for cooperation that can bolster regional stability. This session will explore how U.S.-Japan collaboration in space security can address emerging threats and ensure the long-term resilience of space operations.</p> <p>Rebecca Bosworth is a Major in the United States Space Force and a Mansfield Fellow based in Tokyo, Japan. She has served across multiple space mission areas, including Military Satellite Communications, Global Positioning System (GPS) operations, and Electronic Warfare. She also spent two years with the Space Security and Defense Program in Colorado Springs, where she supported technical and analytical programs focused on space security. Major Bosworth earned a bachelor's degree in Atmospheric Science from the University of California, Berkeley, and a master's degree in Geographic Information Science from the University of Southern California. Her research using satellite remote sensing has been published in <i>Security First: Geospatial Workflows for a Safe and Equitable World</i>.</p> <p>Narushige Michishita is Executive Vice President and Professor at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) in Tokyo. He is also Nonresident Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council in Washington DC. A specialist in Japanese security and foreign policy as well as security issues on the Korean Peninsula, he is the author of “The US Maritime Strategy in the Pacific during the Cold War,” in <i>Conceptualizing Maritime and Naval Strategy; Lessons of the Cold War in the Pacific: U.S. Maritime Strategy, Crisis Prevention, and Japan's Role</i> (Woodrow Wilson Center, 2016); and <i>North Korea's Military-Diplomatic Campaigns, 1966-2008</i> (Routledge, 2009). He acquired his Ph.D. with distinction from the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University.</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.

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## 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 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.

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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