

GRIPS-Mansfield Foundation Joint Seminar

“International Collaboration in Aviation and Aerospace Modernization” 航空・宇宙分野の近代化における国際協力

Friday, February 27, 2026 12:10-13:10 Online (Zoom Webinar)

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Description:	Aviation as a civil transport modality has the ability to connect people, places, and systems in multiple ways, enabling efficiency, safety, and comfort in physical travel while reducing transport time between distant locations through progressively advanced technologies. The power of constant and reliable international flight systems has shaped the way that people connect worldwide, and with recent revolutions in aerospace innovation, global to local connectivity has and will continue to expand. These new ideas, capabilities, and solutions, to include how they are adopted and regulated, depend on the collaborative efforts of international organizations, governments, and industries. The next 10-15 years will see successive leaps in aviation modernization and sustainability, with extremely exciting prospects to further liberalizing how humans take flight. This talk will cover new developments in aircraft, flight system, capacity management, and navigation service solutions, and what international organizations and forums are contributing to the research, development, adoption, and regulations of these innovations. Mr. Dong is an Air Traffic and Airspace Manager serving in Tokyo, Japan. His responsibilities include managing the ground, sea, and air operational spaces surrounding Okinawa and Southern Kyushu, and serving as U.S. air traffic liaison to the Japan Civil Aviation Bureau and Ministry of Defense in developing procedures and operational standards for civil and state aviation. He currently serves as a Mansfield Fellow assigned to Japan Government Ministries, private sector, and academia to advance U.S.-Japan collaboration in aerospace modernization and sustainability. Mr. Dong is a dedicated practitioner of sustainability and stewardship, passionate about shaping the future of aviation and aerospace through socially responsible and ecologically sound growth and technological development. His credentials include Federal Aviation Administration licenses, as well as International Civil Aviation Organization and International Standards certifications.

(Moderator's profile)

Matthew Brummer, Ph.D., is an associate professor at GRIPS and director of the Maritime Safety and Security Policy Program (MSP). Previously, he was a Policy Innovations Fellow at Harvard University where he taught in the Department of Government. He has also worked as a consultant at Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) and as a contributor for The Economist.

***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

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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