

CIGS Daniel C. Sneider Seminar

“Managing Japan-U.S. Relations in the Era of Donald Trump”

Date & time: Friday, March 23, 2018, 15:00 - 16:30 (Registration starts at 14:30)

Venue: CIGS Meeting Room

(11th Floor, ShinMarunouchi Building, 5-1 Marunouchi 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo)

Abstract of the Speech:

The Japan-U.S. security alliance remains one of the great triumphs of the Cold War period. It has retained its vitality and its purpose, despite tectonic changes in the global order in the last few decades. But it is dangerous to be complacent about the alliance. There are serious challenges and stresses to the underlying purpose and operation of the alliance today. Some of them are long-term and geo-strategic – not least the rise of China and its bid for regional hegemony and the destabilizing impact of North Korea’s nuclear and missile capability. But there are also the challenges that arise from the emergence of an American nationalist populism that has rejected the post-war system of multilaterally governed free trade and collective security. What does this mean for Japan and the U.S. today and in coming years?

Speaker profile: Daniel Charles Sneider

Daniel C. Sneider is a Lecturer in East Asian Studies at Stanford University and a Visiting Scholar at the Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center at Stanford. He was previously the Associate Director for Research at the Center, where he directed the Center’s Divided Memories and Reconciliation project, a comparative study of the formation of wartime historical memory in East Asia. He is currently a Visiting Researcher at the Canon Institute for Global Studies in Tokyo, where he is working on a diplomatic history of the creation and management of the U.S. security alliances with Japan and South Korea during the Cold War. Sneider is the co-author of a book on wartime memory and elite opinion, *Divergent Memories*, from Stanford University Press. His writings frequently appear in major publications including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Slate*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *Yale Global*, *The National Interest*, *International Economy*, *Toyo Keizai* and *The Asahi Shimbun*. He is a former foreign correspondent for *The Christian Science Monitor* who served in Japan, India, and the former Soviet Union and a former syndicated columnist for *Knight Ridder*.

Moderator: Kuni Miyake, Research Director, CIGS

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