CIGS Daniel C. Sneider Seminar
"The U.S. Midterm Elections: What happened and what it means for U.S. foreign policy"

Date & time: Monday, November 12, 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 U.S. midterm election on November 6th may be the most consequential in modern American political history. At present the Republican Party controls the Presidency, both house of Congress, and two-thirds of the state governorships. Despite this, the administration of President Donald Trump is embroiled in constant controversy and facing a legal investigation that could challenge its legitimacy. If the Democratic Party is able to make significant gains in the midterm elections, even to regain control of one or more of the houses of Congress, it will mark a turning point in his presidency. Alternately, if the Republicans survive this challenge, it will strengthen the Trump presidency. What message did voters send on November 6th? And what will this mean for U.S. foreign policy, and for policy toward Northeast Asia – Japan, China, and Korea – in particular?

Speaker profile: Daniel Charles Sneider

Daniel C. Sneider is a Lecturer in International Policy at Stanford University. He was previously the Associate Director for Research at the Asia Pacific Research Center at Stanford, 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 covered U.S. politics and elections for the Monitor and the San Jose Mercury News.

Moderator: Kuni Miyake, Research Director, the Canon Institute for Global Studies (CIGS)

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