



## “CIGS Professor Henry R. Nau Seminar”

Date & time: 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016 (Friday) 13:00 - 15:00

Venue: CIGS Meeting Room  
(11th Floor, ShinMarunouchi Building  
5-1 Marunouchi 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo)

Theme: "Between Intervention and Isolation"

Speaker: Professor Henry R. Nau  
Professor of Political Science and International Affairs;  
Co-Director, U.S-Japan-South Korea Legislative Exchange  
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Moderator: Jun Kurihara, Research Director, CIGS

Language: English

### Abstract of the Speech:

After seven years of President Obama's foreign policy of "leading from behind," the world is in chaos. Russia seeks to recreate the Soviet empire using force with impunity against its neighbors. Radical Islam plunders the Middle East. Streams of refugees destabilize Europe. Terrorists attack Paris and San Bernardino. China bullies neighbors and wages cyber war without retribution. A nuclear Iran and autocratic Cuba rejoin the family of nations.

Dr. Henry R. Nau, who served on the National Security Council in the Reagan administration, addresses these challenges. In his recent book, just published in paperback with a new preface, *Conservative Internationalism, Armed Diplomacy under Jefferson, Polk, Truman, and Reagan* (Princeton University Press), Nau draws lessons from four successful presidencies to chart an intermediate path between the excessive interventionism of President George W. Bush and the threatened isolationism of President Obama. This path calls for the defeat of threats from radical Islam but a focus on freedom where it matters most - along the borders with Russia in Ukraine and with China on the Korean peninsula. If freedom loses on these borders, America's postwar ties with Europe and Japan may be in jeopardy.