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Ralph Bunche (1904-1971) was an American scholar, civil-rights campaigner and diplomat. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1950. During his nearly quarter century as a UN official, Bunche aided decolonization and helped to invent peacekeeping. He enjoyed and encouraged vigorous debate.

Tues, 27 March **6.00 - 7.30 pm – Rm 9207**

Perspectives on Afghan Political Settlement

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Commentators: **Scott Smith** Columbia University

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The talk will focus on the process of political reconciliation in Afghanistan and perspectives on the future negotiations by the Afghan government, the Taliban, and the United States.

Daisaku Higashi is Associate Professor in the Human Security Program at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Tokyo. He was Team Leader for Reconciliation and Reintegration in the Political Affairs Division at the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (2009-2010). Higashi published numerous books on international relations, including "Peace-building: Field Research in Afghanistan and East Timor" (Iwanami Press 2009); his book had a substantial impact on the Japanese policies that supported the creation of a new reconciliation mechanism in Afghanistan in 2010.

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