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1:15- 2:30PM	 Session # 1: Security Dani Nedal, Assistant Professor, University of Toronto Nobumasa Akiyama, Professor and Dean, Hitotsubashi University
	 Ayumi Teraoka, Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Columbia University Daisaku Higashi, Professor, Sophia University
	 Moderator: Phillip Lipscy, Director, Centre for the Study of Global Japan
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2:45PM	Break with Refreshments
2:45- 4:00PM	 Session # 2: Economy Glen S. Fukushima, Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress Deanna Horton, Distinguished Fellow, Munk School
	 John Kirton, Director, G7 Research Group
	 Moderator: Louis Pauly, Professor, University of Toronto
4:00- 4:15 PM	Break with Refreshments
4:15-	Session # 3: Societal Transformation
5:30PM	 Jim Raymo, Professor, Princeton University
	Carin Holroyd, Professor, University of Saskatchewan
	James Tiessen, Associate Professor, Toronto Metropolitan University
	 Moderator: John Meehan, Director, Bill Graham Centre



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Speaker Bios:





Phillip Lipscy

Phillip Y. Lipscy is professor of political science at the University of Toronto, where he is also Chair in Japanese Politics and Global Affairs and the Director of the Centre for the Study of Global Japan at the Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy. In addition, he is cross-appointed as professor at the Faculty of Law at the University of Tokyo. His research addresses substantive topics such as international cooperation, international organizations, the politics of energy and climate change, international relations of East Asia, and the politics of financial crises. He has also published extensively on Japanese politics and foreign policy. Lipscy's book from Cambridge University Press, 'Renegotiating the World Order: Institutional Change in International Relations,' examines how countries seek greater international influence by reforming or creating international organizations.



Consul-General Takuya Sasayama

Mr. SASAYAMA Takuya has been serving as the Consul-General of Japan in Toronto since July 2020. He has been a member of Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) for the past 34 years since he joined in April 1988. Some of Mr. Sasayama previous positions at the MOFA headquarters in Tokyo were as the Director of the APEC Division of the Economic Affairs Bureau, and Director of the First Southeast Asia Division in the Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs Department. His international postings include Mexico, Malaysia, the Republic of Korea, and the United States of America. His most recent posting before arriving in Toronto was in Ottawa as the Minister for Political Affairs at the Embassy of Japan in Canada.



Dani Nedal

Dani Nedal (PhD, Georgetown University) is an Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto, jointly appointed at the Department of Political Science and the Munk School. His work focuses on topics related to global security and international order. He is writing a book entitled Urban Warfare and Urban Peace, exploring the relationship between urban geography and interstate conflict. His work has been published in various peer-reviewed journals, books, and outlets aimed at policy-makers and the broader public.



Nobumasa Akiyama Dr. Nobumasa Akiyama is Professor and Dean at the School of International and Public Policy and the Graduate School of Law at Hitotsubashi University. He is also an Adjunct Research Fellow at Japan Institute of International Affairs. Before appointed to the current position, he served as Minister-Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Vienna and Special Advisor to Ambassador on Nuclear Security from April 2016 to March 2018 when he was on Ioan to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. His other professional appointments include a member of the Public Security Examination Commission of the Government of Japan, a member of the Eminent Persons Group for the Substantive Advancement of Nuclear Disarmament, a Foreign Minister's consultative group, and Advisor to the Japanese delegation to the NPT Review Conferences since 2000.



Ayumi Teraoka

Ayumi Teraoka is a postdoctoral research scholar at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute and a lecturer in the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) at Columbia University. She earned her PhD from the School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University, where she was also the A.B. Krongard fellow from 2021 to 2022. Her research focuses on coercive diplomacy, alliance politics in the Indo-Pacific, and Japanese foreign policy and national security. Her book project, based on her doctoral dissertation, examines the interactive effects of US alliance management efforts and China's attempts to weaken US alliances from both historical and contemporary perspectives. In 2022, she was a World Politics and Statecraft Fellow with the Smith Richardson Foundation and from 2022 to 2023, an America in the World Consortium Postdoctoral fellow at the University of Texas at Austin.



Daisaku Higashi

Dr. Daisaku Higashi is a professor in the Center for Global Education and Discovery at Sophia University in Tokyo. He worked for NHK, a Japan Public TV station as a program director from 1993 to 2004. He then completed his MA and Ph.D. in Political Science at the University of British Columbia in Canada. His policy recommendation to create a new reconciliation mechanism in Afghanistan was adopted by the Japanese government in its 2009 Afghan strategy. He then worked for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) from December 2009 to December 2010 as a team leader for reconciliation and reintegration, stationing in Kabul, and supporting the Afghan government in setting up a reconciliation mechanism at the end of 2010. After he finished one year of service at UNAMA, he started working for the University of Tokyo as an associate professor in January 2011. He also served as a Minister-Counsellor in the Permanent Mission of Japan to the UN from August 2012 to August 2014. He transferred to the tenure position at the Center for Global Education at Sophia University in April 2016. Since 2018, he has frequently been assigned by the Japanese Foreign Minister to visit conflicted states such as Iraq and South Sudan for peacebuilding.



Glen S. Fukushima

Glen S. Fukushima is a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress, where he focuses on U.S.-Asia relations. He also serves as Vice Chairman of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC), nominated by President Joseph R. Biden in October 2021 and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in April 2022. From 1990-2012, he was based in Asia as a senior business executive at one European and four American multinational corporations and was elected to two terms as President of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan. He served as Director for Japanese Affairs (1985-88) and Deputy Assistant United States Trade Representative for Japan and China (1988-90) at the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR). He is a member of the Council of Foreign Relations and was educated at Stanford, Harvard (Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Business School, Law School), and at the University of Tokyo, where he was a Fulbright and Japan Foundation Fellow at the Faculty of Law. He has been a visiting professor at Sophia, Kyoto, and Waseda University.



John Kirton

John J. Kirton is director of the G7 Research Group, G20 Research Group and the Global Health Diplomacy Program, and co-director of the BRICS Research Group, all under the umbrella of the Global Governance Program based at Trinity College in the University of Toronto. A professor emeritus of political science, he has taught Canadian foreign policy, global governance and international relations. He was a visiting professor at the School for International Relations and Public Affairs at the Shanghai International Studies University and a distinguished fellow of the Guangdong Institute for International Strategies at Guangdong University for Foreign Studies, as well as a Non-Resident Senior Fellow at the Chongyang Institute for Financial Studies at China's Renmin University. During his sabbatical year from 2012 to 2013, he served as a visiting fellow at the Balsillie School of International Affairs in Waterloo, Canada, and a visiting professor at Kwansei Gakuin University in Nishinomiya, Japan. He has advised the Canadian and Russian governments, the World Health Organization and the Pan American Health Organization on G7/8 and G20 participation and summitry, international trade and sustainable development, and has written widely on G7/8 and G20 summitry.



Louis Pauly

Louis W. Pauly, the J. Stefan Distinguished Professor of Political Economy in the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto, is an affiliated faculty member of the Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy. He served as Chair of the Department of Political Science from 2012 to 2017 and held the Canada Research Chair in Globalization and Governance from 2002 to 2016. He was Director of the Centre for International Studies from 1997 to 2011. A graduate of Cornell University, the London School of Economics, New York University, and Fordham University, he is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, a Senior Fellow of Massey College, and a Fellow and Governing Board Member of Trinity College. He has held visiting positions at the WZB Berlin Social Science Centre, Oxford University, Northwestern University, Osaka City University, the University of Munich, the Institute for Advanced Studies in Vienna, and the Brookings Institution. From 2007 to 2012 he co-edited the journal International Organization. Before his initial university appointment, he held management positions at the Royal Bank of Canada and served on the staff of the International Monetary Fund.



Deanna Horton

As part of her Canadian foreign service career, Deanna Horton spent a total of twelve years in Japan, including as Deputy Head of Mission, and also served as Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. She was a NAFTA negotiator, followed by two postings in Washington, most recently as Minister (Congressional, Public and Intergovernmental Affairs). As a Munk School Distinguished Fellow she has led a digital mapping project on Canada's footprint in Asia and related research on Canadian technology multinationals. Ms. Horton is also affiliated with the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, the Canadian Global Affairs Institute, and the Wilson Center in Washington, DC, commenting on economic and trade policy issues with a focus on Asia.



Jim Raymo

Jim Raymo is Professor of Sociology and the Henry Wendt III '55 Professor of East Asian Studies at Princeton University. Raymo's published research includes analyses of marriage timing, divorce, recession, fertility, and other demographic outcomes. He is currently engaged in three projects: In the first, he uses national survey data to examine the socioeconomic and family correlates of Japanese children's academic performance, personal relationships, and emotional health. In the second project, he examines the rise of non-marital cohabitation, the use of assisted reproductive technology, growth in remarriage and the implications of these behaviors for fertility in Japan. In the third project, he is working with colleagues in Japan to document the well-being of single mothers and their children and to understand the ways in which intergenerational coresidence and intrafamilial exchanges of support may (or may not) offset some of the disadvantages faced by unmarried mothers.



Carin Holroyd

Carin Holroyd is Professor of Political Studies at the University of Saskatchewan. She has published on political economy in East Asia, aspects of Japan's international trade and commercial relations with Canada, and national innovation policies in Japan. She was president of the Japan Studies Association of Canada from 2016-2022. Her books include 'Government, International Trade and Laissez Faire Capitalism: Canada, Australia and New Zealand's Relations with Japan' (McGill Queens), 'Green Japan: Environmental Technologies, Innovation Policy and the Pursuit of Green Growth' (University of Toronto Press), 'Introduction to East Asia: History, Politics, Economy and Society' (Routledge) and co-authored with Ken Coates, 'Japan and the Internet' (Palgrave-McMillan), 'Innovation Nation: Science and Technology in 21st Century Japan' (Palgrave-McMillan), 'Digital Media in East Asia: National Innovation and the Transformation of a Region' (Cambria Press) and 'The Global Digital Economy' (Cambria Press).



James Tiessen

James (Jim) H. Tiessen is Associate Professor of Global Management Studies and Director of the Master of Health Administration (Community Care) at Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU). He earned degrees at the University of Alberta, Guelph, and York University's Schulich School of Business. Jim worked at McMaster University for ten years before joining TMU in 2008, serving as MBA Director at both institutions. Jim lived in Japan and later worked for the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO). He has maintained a comparative perspective as his research focus shifted from international entrepreneurship and business to healthcare policy and management, with a particular interest in Japan. He is President of the Japan Studies Association of Canada.



John Meehan

A historian by training, Dr. John Meehan has a BA in History and Russian Studies from McGill University, a diploma in Theology from Magdalen College, Oxford, an MA in International Relations from the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at Johns Hopkins University and a PhD in History from the University of Toronto. His publications include 'The Dominion and the Rising Sun: Canada Encounters Japan, 1929-1941' (winner of the Prime Minister's Award in Japan) and 'Chasing the Dragon in Shanghai: Canada's Early Relations with China, 1858-1952.' A former President of Campion College (U of Regina) and the University of Sudbury, he has taught and published on Canadian foreign relations, Asia Pacific studies and relations with Indigenous peoples.

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