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## **“Challenges of Ending Wars in the Age of Division: The War in Ukraine and Peacebuilding in Africa” – a seminar at Harvard University**

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**Initial Remarks: Mr. Kotaro Suzuki**  
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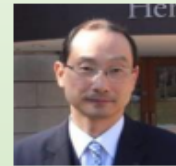


### Speakers:

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**Professor at Sophia University in Tokyo**

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**Professor at Harvard University in the United States**

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**Moderator and Commentator:**

**Dr. Daniel Koss**

**Associate Senior Lecturer on East Asian Languages and Civilizations at Harvard University**

Date & time: 6 December 2023, 10:30am-12:30pm **(Boston Time)**

Location: CGIS-S050 (South Building, 1730 Cambridge St., Cambridge) at Harvard

Late breakfast will be provided for participants in person.

The event is also available on zoom. (If you register for the event, a zoom link will be distributed.)

Hosted by the Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations at Harvard University  
Co-hosted by the Ukraine Research Institute at Harvard University, Harvard University Center for African Studies, Sophia Institute of International Relations (SIIR), Sophia Institute for Human Security.



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