

## [Special Lecture: US-Japan Relations in the “Trump Era” @ Nagoya University](#)

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The Graduate School of Law, Nagoya University is pleased to invite you to the special lecture ‘US-Japan Relations in the “Trump Era”’ on 22 December 2016. This special lecture is offered as part of the Program for Leading Graduate Schools, ‘Cross-Border Legal Institution Design’.

Speaker: Prof. T.J. Pempel, Jack M. Forcey Professor, the Department of Political Science, the University of California, Berkeley, USA.

Discussant: Prof. Gill Steel, the institute for the Liberal Arts, Doshisha University.

Date & Time: 22 December 2016, 16:30-18:30.

Venue: Lecture Room 3, Asian Legal Exchange Plaza, Nagoya University (<http://www.nagoya-u.ac.jp/access/index.html>)

### Abstract

The election of Donald Trump as the US president shocked most analysts and policymakers in both the US and Japan. Unpredicted by any major poll, his win was based on nationalism and xenophobia. Among other breaks with past policies, he criticized Japan for failing to pay enough for US troops stationed in the country; he suggested that Japan and Korea should acquire nuclear weapons; he accused Japan of unfair trade and currency practices; and he promised to withdraw the US from the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), planned as a cornerstone of economic relations across the Pacific and an agreement seen by Prime Minister Abe as a vital component in bolstering bilateral ties. Will the Trump administration dismantle the postwar architecture so vital to peace and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific? Professor Pempel will examine the implications of the US election for US-Japan relations and for regional relations more broadly.

T. J. Pempel received his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1972. He is currently the Jack M. Forcey Professor of Political Science at the University of California, Berkeley. From 2001 until 2005, he also served as director of Berkeley’s Institute of East Asian Studies. Prior to coming to Berkeley, he held tenured positions at Cornell University and the University of Colorado, as well as endowed chairs at

the University of Wisconsin and the University of Washington. From 1989 until 1995 he was director of Cornell University's East Asia Program. His research focuses on comparative politics, Japanese political economy, and Asian regional issues. Pempel has received numerous research grants, from, among others, the Fulbright Commission, the U.S.-Japan Friendship Commission, the Department of Education, the National Science Foundation, the Taiwanese Ministry of Education, the Luce Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Social Science Research Foundation. Most recently he held two grants from the MacArthur Foundation for international projects on Northeast Asian security. He is a member of the editorial boards of a dozen professional journals as well as being a presidentially-appointed commissioner on the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission. He is the author of over 120 scholarly articles and the author or editor of nineteen books, including *Regime Shift: Comparative Dynamics of the Japanese Political Economy* (Cornell University Press, 1998), and most recently, *Crisis as Catalyst: Asia's Dynamic Political Economy* (Cornell University Press, 2008); *Security Cooperation in Northeast Asia* (Routledge, 2012); *The Economic-Security Nexus in Northeast Asia* (Routledge, 2013), *Japan in Crisis* (ASAN, 2013) and *Two Crises: Different Outcomes* (Cornell University Press, 2015). He can be reached at [pempel@berkeley.edu](mailto:pempel@berkeley.edu).

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