

Japan's Middle-Power Diplomacy in an Era of Great Power Competition

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The Sigur Center for Asian Studies will proudly host **Ambassador Kazuhiko Togo**, Visiting Professor at Kyoto Sangyo University and former Ambassador of Japan to the Netherlands, and **Dr. Yoshihide Soeya**, Professor Emeritus of Keio University, for the second edition of our 2021 **Sigur Center Lecture Series**.

Although Japan sees the U.S.-Japan alliance as the foundation of regional peace and stability, it is also concerned about the intensification of great power rivalry between the United States and China, and between the United States and Russia. Two leading Japanese experts of international relations, Professors Yoshihide Soeya and Kazuhiko Togo, will discuss Japanese perspectives on great power competition and the challenges and opportunities this competition presents for Japan's foreign policy. They will examine how Japan can and should promote regional stability and peace by pursuing a middle-power diplomacy. In addition to evaluating Japan's vision for a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific" region and the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue among Japan, the United States, Australia, and India, Professors Soeya and Togo will analyze Japan's relations with South Korea, Russia, and various countries in Southeast Asia.

After sharing individual commentaries, Professors Soeya and Togo will then turn to a conversation with the moderator, **Mike Mochizuki**, Japan-US Relations Chair in Memory of Gaston Sigur at the George Washington University, and finally to an audience Q&A.

The webinar begins at **7 PM EST/9 AM JST**. Check your local time by [selecting](#) the event date and your time zone. Registered guests will receive an email with instructions for joining Webex prior to the event.

Registration closes at 4:00 PM EST on February 25. This event is on the record, open to the public, and will be recorded. Media inquiries must be sent to gwmedia@gwu.edu in advance. If you need specific accommodations, please contact gsigur@gwu.edu with at least 3 business days' notice.

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