

GRIPS-Mansfield Foundation Joint Seminar

Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 Time: 12:00-13:30

Venue: The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), 3rd Floor, Meeting Room 3C

"Monitoring, Evaluation, and Evidence-Based Policymaking in International Development: U.S. Trends and Implications for Japan."

国際開発におけるモニタリング・評価・証拠に基づく政策立案：米国の動向と日本への示唆

- Speaker : **Lauren Damme** (Mansfield Fellow)
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- Moderator: **Izumi Ohno** 大野 泉 政策研究大学院大学 教授
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Description: In the United States, citizen demands for accountability and transparency have driven major changes in evaluation practices in domestic social support programs. These pressures have also led to changes in U.S. foreign assistance/international development project monitoring, implementation and impact evaluations. The size of U.S. government funding for international development activities, known in Japan as Overseas Development Assistance, or ODA, has ensured that American funding and procurement trends play a major role in shaping foreign assistance norms around the world. The influence of U.S. trends is especially apparent in current evaluation practices related to international development funding. Even if public foreign assistance funding shrinks relative to private sector funds under the new administration, given the outsized level of private international development funding coming from the U.S., American evaluation norms will likely remain influential. At the same time, the evaluation practices of other donor governments like Japan will become increasingly important in shaping how we learn about the best ways to improve the lives of people around the world.

This presentation will explore the historical, largely domestic drivers behind U.S. evaluation trends and the role they have played in changing evaluation norms globally. The impacts of domestic demands for accountability in U.S. government expenditures will be illustrated by a case study of the evaluation practices of a U.S. government office funding international development activities at the U.S. Department of Labor. Based on her 9-month rotation in JICA's Evaluation Department, Mansfield Fellow Lauren Damme will also share observations on the current status of ODA evaluation in Japan and challenges to moving evaluation practices forward.

Ms. Lauren Damme is a member of the 21st class of Mansfield Fellows. At her home office in the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of International Labor Affairs, she supports the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) portfolio of the Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor and Human Trafficking (OCFT) as an International Relations Officer. Ms. Damme has worked for 15 years in survey research and international development M&E in around 30 countries, serving in multilateral U.N. organizations in Geneva and New York, and in the corporate and non-profit (think tank) sectors in London, Quito, New York and Washington.

Izumi Ohno, professor at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), will serve as a moderator for the event. She specializes in international development strategy (especially in the area of industrial development cooperation) and Japan's economic cooperation. She graduated from the Tsuda College (Tokyo), and holds an MPA from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. Prior to joining GRIPS (in 2002), she worked at the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the World Bank, and the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC).

***Language: English**

***Admission: Free**

***Please bring your own lunch.**

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The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies

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The degree programs are designed to attract outstanding students and thoroughly prepare them for distinguished careers in policy setting. After a period of thorough preparation since its foundation in 1997, GRIPS welcomed its first domestic students in April 2000, followed six months later by the first international students. About two-thirds of the student-intake of GRIPS consist of international students coming from over sixty countries in Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe. Our students normally have three to five years working experience for governments, central banks, custom offices or other relevant organizations. The International Programs at GRIPS are conducted solely in English, while Domestic Programs are taught in Japanese.

GRIPS aims to be the center of a consortium, consisting of industry, government and academia, for the exchange of information, ideas and personnel among graduate schools, government-related institutes and private research institutes in Japan. In addition, through its international faculty, student body and alumni, and by promoting international exchange of policy research and information, GRIPS aims to establish an international network among academics and government officials in the field of policy studies, contributing to the promotion of a better understanding among peoples around the world in an age of globalization.

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