



US-Japan Relations Seminar

Current Status of US-Japan Relations and Future Prospects

~“U.S. – Japan Network for the Future” Scholars Discussion~
Mansfield Foundation – Kumamoto University Joint Seminar

Date/Time	Thursday June 15, 2017 14:30 – 17:30
Location	Kumamoto University Faculty of Engineering 100 Year Memorial Hall (200 Seats) Access: http://ewww.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/en/about/access/access_map/ Inquiries: Kumamoto University College of Cross Cultural and Multidisciplinary Studies TEL 096-342-2091
Admission	Free of Charge *This seminar is open to the public. Please contact the above number to register.

Program

16:30~	Opening Address (Kumamoto University President Dr. Shinji Harada)
16:35~	Lectures 1) Gerald L. Curtis (Columbia University, Mansfield Foundation Board of Directors) 2) Leonard Schoppa (University of Virginia) 3) Sheila A. Smith (Council on Foreign Relations) Moderator: Benjamin Self (Vice President of the Mansfield Foundation)
17:05~	Panel Discussion: Contemporary U.S. – Japan Relations
17:15~	Open Question and Answer Session
17:25~	Closing Address (Mansfield Foundation Vice President Benjamin Self)

※ This seminar will be given in English.

The U.S.-Japan Network for the Future is a two-year program designed to build and enhance a network of Japan specialists that can bring diverse expertise and perspectives to the bilateral policy-making process in the mid- and long-term. This will lead to deeper and more vigorous dialogue and research on topics of immediate concern as well as on ways to strengthen the U.S.-Japan relationship through cooperation and shared goals in the global arena. The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation and the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership have completed three cohorts of this program. Building on this success, the fourth cohort of twelve scholars was announced in April 2016 and, along with Advisory Committee members Gerald Curtis, Leonard Schoppa, and Sheila Smith, are visiting Kumamoto as part of a week-long Japan study trip.

In this seminar, Network for the Future advisors and scholars will discuss the current status and future prospects for U.S. – Japan relations.



**Mansfield Foundation
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Gerald L. Curtis
(Columbia University)**

Gerald L. Curtis is Burgess Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Columbia University, former Director of Columbia's Weatherhead East Asian Institute, and Distinguished Research Fellow at the Tokyo Foundation. Professor Curtis is the author of numerous books and articles written in both English and Japanese including *Seiji to Sanma-Nihon to Kurashite 45 nen* (Politics and Saury: 45 Years Living with Japan), *The Logic of Japanese Politics*, *The Japanese Way of Politics*, and *Election Campaigning Japanese Style*. His columns appear frequently in newspapers and journals around the globe. Fluent in Japanese, he is a frequent guest on Japan's Sunday morning news discussion programs.



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Leonard Schoppa
(University of Virginia)**

Leonard Schoppa is a Professor of Politics and Undergraduate Director at The Woodrow Wilson Department of Politics at the University of Virginia. He joined the UVA faculty in 1990. From 2000-2001, he served as a Visiting Fulbright Research Fellow at the University of Tokyo Institute of Social Science and the ICU Institute of Asian Cultural Studies in Tokyo, Japan. He also served as a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Policy Management at Keio University, Tokyo, Japan from 1993-1994. Dr. Schoppa received his B.S. from Georgetown University in 1984 and his Ph.D. in Philosophy of Politics at Oxford University in 1989.



**Network Program
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Sheila A. Smith
(Council on Foreign Relations)**

Sheila A. Smith is a senior fellow for Japan studies at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). She is the author of *Intimate Rivals: Japanese Domestic Politics and a Rising China* (Columbia University Press, 2015) and *Japan's New Politics and the U.S.-Japan Alliance* (Council on Foreign Relations, June 2014). Her current research focuses on how geostrategic change in Asia is shaping Japan's strategic choices. In the fall of 2014, Smith began a new project on Northeast Asian Nationalisms and Alliance Management.