

GRIPS-Mansfield Foundation Joint Seminar

"US and Japan: Advancing Safety, Foreign Policy Objectives,
and Economic Interests through Transportation"

日米交通政策の観点からみるインド太平洋地域の安全保障、外交政策目標、経済的利益の推進

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 12:10-13:40

The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), 4th Floor, Research Room 4B

- Speaker: **Lindsey Constantino** (Mansfield Fellow)
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- Description: Conventional wisdom has largely categorized transportation policy as a domestic issue. However, China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) proved transportation policy can be an effective foreign policy tool. In late 2019, the United States, Japan, and Australia announced the Blue Dot Network, a potential alternative to BRI's influence over infrastructure development in the Indo-Pacific. In the wake of increasing U.S.-Japan cooperation, Ms. Constantino, International Transportation Specialist at the U.S. Department of Transportation, will discuss how these two countries can use transportation policy to advance safety, foreign policy objectives, and economic interests in the region. She will offer personal observations regarding these challenges, and will highlight the importance of U.S. and Japanese leadership and cooperation in the region. At the U.S. Department of Transportation, Ms. Constantino represents the United States on United Nations transportation forums and organizes large-scale diplomatic and regulatory projects. She holds a BA in Political Science and an MA in International Commerce and Policy.

Mr. Kunihiko SHINODA graduated from the University of Tokyo in 1988 (BA, Economics) and Carnegie Mellon University in 1994 (MSIA). He joined the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) in 1988 (MITI changed its name to Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry in 2001). He has mainly engaged in assignments related to economic partnership agreements, economic and technical cooperation, and energy and environmental cooperation with Asian countries. He has overseas working experience at the Embassy of Japan in the Philippines (1996-1999), JODC Bangkok Office (2002-2005), JOGMEC Beijing Office and JCEA Beijing Office (2012-2017). He joined GRIPS in June 2019 and has engaged in studies on economic integration and economic cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region and promotion of networking with Asian universities and research institutes.

***Language: English**

***Admission: Free**

***Please bring your own lunch.**

***This seminar will be off the record.**

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The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies

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The Mansfield Fellowship Program - named after Mike Mansfield, former U.S. ambassador to Japan, U.S. Senate majority leader, and U.S. congressman from Montana - is a first-of-its-kind program for the United States and Japan. The U.S. Congress created the Mansfield Fellowships in 1994 to build a corps of U.S. federal government employees with proficiency in the Japanese language and practical, firsthand knowledge about Japan and its government. During a one-year program in Japan, Fellows develop an in-depth understanding of Japan's government and policymaking process and establish relationships with their counterparts in the government of Japan and the business, professional, and academic communities. The Mansfield Fellowships are administered by the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation, with the United States Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs as grantor.

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