

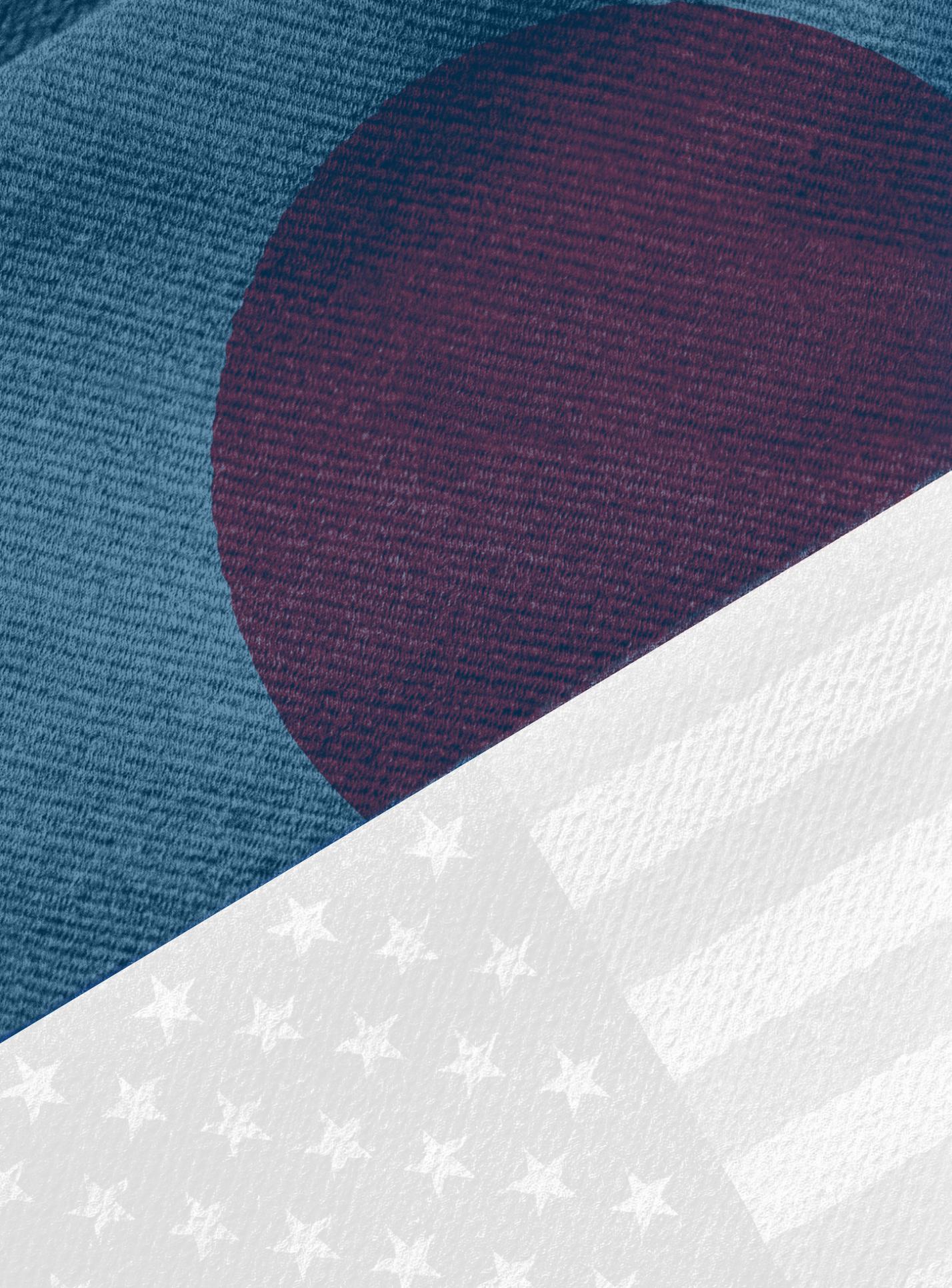


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SCHOOL OF GLOBAL AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES  
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**21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY  
JAPAN POLITICS  
AND SOCIETY  
INITIATIVE (21JPSI)**

ESTABLISHED AT **INDIANA UNIVERSITY** IN 2018





## Director's Message

Since 21JPSI's 2018 launch at the Hamilton Lugar School, in the heart of the flagship Bloomington campus of Indiana University, we have succeeded in achieving one of our core goals: establishing a Midwestern hub for policy-relevant research, teaching, and programming on contemporary Japanese politics, society, and international (especially U.S.-Japan) relations.

Thanks in significant part to a generous five-year seed grant from the Japan Foundation's Center for Global Partnership, 21JPSI has already helped enable a new tenure-track faculty position in contemporary Japanese politics and society; facilitated the launch of four new courses on various aspects of Japanese politics, society, and foreign policy; provided competitive travel grants to support IU faculty research in Japan; and hosted a recurring multidisciplinary speaker series, conferences, policy webinars, and academic manuscript workshops.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as founding director of 21JPSI. From our base in the U.S. heartland, in the years ahead we will continue our mission to educate and raise awareness about, and debate policy responses to, the various political, social, and foreign policy challenges that Japan and the United States face in this extremely dynamic era of 21st-century change.

I hope that you will join us soon at one of our public events at Indiana University, or online. See you there!

**Adam P. Liff, Ph.D.**

21JPSI Founding Director

Associate Professor of East Asian International Relations, EALC Department

Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies

Indiana University

# Who We Are

## Adam Liff

Associate Professor of East Asian International Relations, EALC Department

A political scientist and international relations scholar by training, Professor Liff's research focuses on Asia-Pacific security affairs—especially Japanese politics and security policy; the U.S.-Japan alliance; U.S.-China relations; and Taiwan. Beyond IU, he is a Non-resident Senior Fellow in Foreign Policy at the Brookings Institution and Associate-in-Research at Harvard University's Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies and Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies. Liff holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in Politics from Princeton University, a postgraduate research certificate from the University of Tokyo's Graduate School of Law and Politics, and a B.A. from Stanford University.

In addition to various book chapters, reports, and public analysis, Liff's academic scholarship has been published in leading international affairs and area studies journals,

including *Asia Policy*, *The China Quarterly*, *International Security*, *Journal of Japanese Studies*, *Journal of Contemporary China*, *Journal of Strategic Studies*, *Security Studies*, *Texas National Security Review*, *The Washington Quarterly*, and the *Washington University Global Studies Law Review*.

His previous research affiliations include the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)'s Japan Chair, the Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center, the University of Virginia's Miller Center, Peking University's School of International Studies, Waseda University's Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, and the University of Tokyo's Graduate School of Law and Politics and Institute of Social Science.



### AFFILIATED FACULTY SPOTLIGHTS    ADDITIONAL JAPAN FOCUSED SOCIAL SCIENTISTS

## Hilary Holbrow

Assistant Professor of Japanese Politics and Society, EALC Department

***Professor Holbrow joined the Hamilton Lugar School faculty in 2021 in a new tenure-track position created with support of seed funding to 21JPSI from the Japan Foundation's Center for Global Partnership.***

As a sociologist by training, Holbrow's scholarship examines social and economic inequality, work and organizations, immigration, and the intersections of gender, race, and ethnicity. She is an International Research Fellow at the Canon Institute for Global Studies in Tokyo, an Associate in Research at Harvard's Reischauer Institute, and a member of the US-Japan Network for the Future. Holbrow holds an M.A. and Ph.D. from Cornell University, and a B.A. from Boston University.

Her book manuscript on gender and ethnic inequality in Japanese white-collar workplaces explores how status hierarchies evolve in response to changing and economic and social conditions, and specifically whether

Japanese women and immigrants will be able to achieve greater parity with Japanese men as Japan's population declines.

She is currently conducting survey, survey-experimental, and interview research to understand the sources of persistent gender inequality in Japan's white-collar workplaces, the experiences of professional Asian migrants to Japan, and the effects of Japan's trainee system on migrant outcomes. Her previous research has been published in *International Migration Review*, *Work and Occupations*, and *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*.



## Marvin D. Sterling

Associate Professor, Anthropology

An anthropologist by training, Sterling's research focuses primarily on Japan and Jamaica. His first book, *Babylon East: Performing Dancehall, Roots Reggae, and Rastafari in Japan* (Duke University Press, 2010), explored Jamaican cultural forms in Japan, including roots reggae music, dancehall reggae music, and the religious movement Rastafari. It examines how notions of blackness, as they have circulated around the globe, inform Japanese performances of racial, ethnonational, gendered, and other identities within the local, national, and transnational spaces of these subcultures. Sterling's current project, conducted with

support from the Japan Foundation, concerns the experiences of mixed-race Japanese individuals who are partly of African descent. It focuses on how ethnographic study of the lives of Black Japanese individuals affords insight into these experiences valued not only on their own terms, but also for how they disclose mixed-race and majority Japanese ideas about what it means to be Japanese today. Sterling holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in Anthropology from UCLA, and a B.A. from New York University.



**With three Japan-focused social scientists and many other faculty affiliates, 21JPSI has emerged as a major hub for contemporary Japan/ social science research, teaching, and programming in the U.S. Midwest.**

### FACULTY AFFILIATES



**Hannah Airriess**

Assistant Professor, East Asian Languages and Cultures  
**Japanese film and media**



**Heather Blair**

Associate Professor, Religious Studies, East Asian Languages and Cultures  
**Japanese religion and visual culture**



**Joseph Coleman**

Professor of Practice, Media School  
Former AP bureau chief in Tokyo;  
**Social change in contemporary Japan**



**Hilary Holbrow**

Assistant Professor,  
East Asian Languages and Cultures  
**Sociologist of contemporary Japan;  
Japanese politics & society**



**Wendy Leutert**

Assistant Professor and  
GLP-Ming Z. Mei Chair of Chinese Economics and Trade, East Asian Languages and Cultures  
**Chinese economics and trade**



**Scott O Bryan**

Associate Professor, East Asian Languages and Cultures, History;  
21JPSI Steering Committee Chair  
**Historian of modern and contemporary Japan**



**Morten Oxenboell**

Associate Professor, East Asian Languages and Cultures; Director, East Asian Studies Center  
**Historian of political and social Japan**



**Marvin Sterling**

Associate Professor, Anthropology  
**Cultural anthropology of Japan**



**Nozomi Tanaka**

Assistant Professor,  
East Asian Languages and Cultures  
**Japanese language and linguistics**

# Public Education and Engagement



One of 21JPSI's major areas of programming is public events to educate, raise awareness, and discuss responses to the various political, social, and foreign policy challenges that Japan and the United States face in this extremely dynamic era of 21st-century change. These events include:

- A multidisciplinary speaker series
- Policy webinars
- Conferences (e.g., on U.S.-Japan relations)

These events facilitate important conversation in America's heartland about the importance of Japan and U.S.-Japan relations to developments in the United States and beyond. The speaker series engages members of the IU Bloomington community in an ongoing discussion about how to understand contemporary Japan and its relations with the world, the difficult domestic and foreign policy choices that leaders face, and the impact these decisions have on regional and global peace and prosperity, and the United States.

We also occasionally co-sponsor other events on campus and beyond related to contemporary Japanese politics, society, and international relations. In addition to offering public events, visiting speakers often also meet with HLS students and faculty to discuss their current research and share professional experiences and career advice.

JAPAN POLITICS AND SOCIETY

## SPEAKER SERIES

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### *Rights Make Might: Global Human Rights & Minority Rights in Japan*

Dr. Kiyoteru Tsutsui,  
Professor, Department of Sociology,  
Director, Center for Japanese Studies  
**University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**

### *Unfinished Work: The Challenges of Aging Work Forces in Japan and the United States*

Mr. Joseph Coleman, Professor of Practice;  
Former Associated Press  
Bureau Chief in Tokyo

**Indiana University**

### *U.S. Japan Economic Frictions in the 'Trump Era': Beyond the Trans Pacific Partnership?*

Dr. Megumi Naoi,  
Associate Professor of Political Science

**University of California, San Diego**

### *Defender of the International Order? Japan's Foreign Policy in the Trump Era*

Dr. Phillip Lipsky,  
Assistant Professor of Political Science

**Stanford University**

### *The United States, Japan, and the U.S. Alliance System in Asia*

Ms. Emma Chanlett Avery,  
Specialist in Asian Affairs

**U.S. Congressional Research Service**

### *Faking Liberties: Religious Freedom in American Occupied Japan*

Dr. Jolyon Thomas,  
Associate Professor of Religious Studies

**University of Pennsylvania**

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*What Do the Japanese Want from Their Constitution?*

Dr. Kenneth McElwain,  
Professor of Political Science  
**University of Tokyo**

*Japan's Value Diplomacy and the Rise of China*

Dr. Takako Hikotani, Gerald L. Curtis  
Associate Professor of Modern  
Japanese Politics and Foreign Policy  
**Columbia University**

*Revenge of the Development State: The Rise and Fall of the Tokyo Stock Exchange*

Dr. John Yasuda,  
Assistant Professor, East Asian  
Languages and Cultures  
**Indiana University**

*The Rise of China and the U.S. Japan Alliance*

Mr. Noriyuki Shikata  
**Ministry of Foreign  
Affairs of Japan**

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*Historical Reconciliation in East Asia's Changing Security Environment*

Dr. Jennifer Lind, Associate  
Professor of Government  
**Dartmouth College**



*Line of Advantage: Japan's Strategy in Asia*

Dr. Michael Green, Professor &  
Director of Asian Studies

**Georgetown**

Senior Vice President for Asia  
**Center for Strategic &  
International Studies**

*Understanding China Japan Relations, 1945-2020*

Dr. Ezra Vogel, Henry Ford II  
Professor of the Social  
Sciences Emeritus  
**Harvard University**

*Iconoclast: Shinzo Abe and the New Japan*

Mr. Tobias Harris, Japan Analyst  
**Teneo**

*Japan's New Regional Reality: Geoeconomic Strategy in the Asia Pacific*

Dr. Saori Katada, Professor of  
International Relations  
**University of Southern  
California**

*Training Foreign Workers, Cultivating Bias: Japan's Guest Worker System*

Dr. Hilary Holbrow,  
Assistant Professor of Japanese  
Politics and Society  
**Indiana University**

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*Pink Globalization: Challenging Hello Kitty's Trek Across the Pacific*

Dr. Christine Yano,  
Professor of Anthropology  
**University of Hawai'i at Manoa**

*Japan ASEAN Relations & U.S. Japan Cooperation in Southeast Asia*

Ambassador (Ret.) Masafumi Ishii  
**Japanese Ministry of  
Foreign Affairs**

*Work Family Balance in Japan: Policies without Teeth*

Dr. Mary Brinton,  
Reischauer Institute Professor of Sociology  
**Harvard University**

*Is a Japan India Alliance Possible?*

Dr. Rohan Mukherjee,  
Assistant Professor, Political Science  
**Yale NUS College, Singapore**

*Japan's Changing Cybersecurity & the Future of U.S. Japan Relations*

Ms. Mihoko Matsubara,  
Chief Cybersecurity Strategist  
**NTT Corporation**



*Naomi Osaka, Black Japanese Experiences, and Multiculturalism in Contemporary Japan*

Dr. Marvin Sterling, Associate  
Professor, Anthropology  
**Indiana University**

# NATIONAL CONFERENCES

THE U.S. JAPAN PARTNERSHIP IN THE 21ST CENTURY: DOMESTIC & FOREIGN POLICY CHALLENGES

This biennial conference—the only one of its kind in the U.S. Midwest—brings together leading experts on U.S.-Japan relations and other influential voices to discuss the current state and desired future of this crucial bilateral relationship.

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**At our inaugural national conference in November 2019, well over 100 students, faculty, staff, and community members gathered to hear two expert panels discussing domestic and foreign policy challenges, policy keynotes by representatives of the State of Indiana and Japanese governments, and an academic keynote by Prof. Richard Samuels of MIT.**

*Policy Keynote:*

*Indiana Japan economic relations*

Ms. Andrea Richter, Vice President for International Engagement

**Indiana Economic Development Corporation,**

representing the Honorable Jim Schellinger, Secretary of Commerce (Indiana)

*Panel Discussion 1:*

*Foreign Policy Challenges & U.S. Japan Relations*

Dr. Mireya Solis

**Brookings Institution**

Dr. Michael Auslin

**Hoover Institution at Stanford University**

Dr. Naoko Aoki

**RAND Corporation**

Dr. Adam Liff

**Indiana University**

Moderator: Dr. Wendy Leutert

**Indiana University**

*Academic Keynote:*

*U.S. Japan Relations:  
The Roads Ahead*

Dr. Richard Samuels

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**



*Panel Discussion 2:*

*Domestic Challenges & U.S. Japan Relations*

Mr. Craig Kafura

**Chicago Council on Global Affairs**

Dr. Sherry Martin

**US Department of State**

Dr. Rie Watanabe

**Aoyama Gakuin University/Harvard University**

Moderator: Dr. Emily Metzgar

**Indiana University**

*Closing*

The Honorable Kenichi Okada

**Consul-General of Japan in Chicago**

**Our second international conference in February 2022 also featured a keynote from Japan's Consul-General in Chicago, followed by three panels with leading experts from across the United States and Europe tasked with discussing domestic and foreign policy challenges facing the U.S. and Japan, as well as Australian, British, French, and German perspectives on the U.S.-Japan alliance.**

#### *Welcome and Keynote*

The Honorable Hiroshi Tajima  
**Consul-General of Japan  
in Chicago**

#### *Panel Discussion 1: The U.S. Japan Alliance & Contemporary Foreign Policy Challenges in East Asia (and Beyond)*

Dr. Jeffrey Hornung,  
Senior Political Scientist  
**RAND Corporation**

Ms. Shihoko Goto,  
Deputy Director for Geoeconomics  
**Wilson Center**

Dr. Tanvi Madan, Senior Fellow  
**Brookings Institution**

Prof. Adam P. Liff,  
Associate Professor  
**Indiana University**

#### *Panel Discussion 2: Allies Perspectives on the U.S. Japan Relationship & Northeast Asia Today*

Dr. Charles Edel,  
Australia Chair & Senior Adviser  
**Center for Strategic and  
International Studies**

Dr. Alexandra Sakaki,  
Deputy Head, Asia Group  
**German Institute for  
International and Security  
Affairs**

Dr. Celine Pajon,  
Head of Japan Research  
**French Institute of  
International Relations**

Prof. Alessio Patalano,  
Security Director  
**Japan Programme,  
King's College London**

#### *Panel Discussion 3: Domestic Policy Challenges & U.S. Japan Relations*

Prof. Ko Maeda, Associate Professor  
**University of North Texas**

Ms. Kazuyo Kato, Executive Director  
**Japan Center for International  
Exchange**

Prof. Ulrike Schaede,  
Professor of Japanese Business  
**University of California  
San Diego**

Prof. Hilary Holbrow,  
Assistant Professor  
**Indiana University**

## COLLABORATIVE POLICY WEBINARS

### **U.S.-Japan Relations: Policy Challenges for the Biden Administration**

Part 1: National Security and Politics

Part 2: Trade and Transnational Challenges

#### **Co-organized with the Brookings Institution**

On the eve of the inauguration of the Biden-Harris Administration, 21JPSI convened eight leading experts from North America and Japan for two virtual discussions about pressing foreign policy challenges for the U.S. and Japan. Both events were open to the global public, and attracted a combined total of more than 400 attendees.

### **Work-Life Balance in the Covid Age: Can the United States and Japan Meet the Challenges?**

*Abe Fellows Global Forum 2020, hosted by the Social Science Research Council*

21JPSI co-sponsored and Director Adam Liff moderated a virtual event featuring three leading experts from Japan and the United States on COVID-19's impact on work-life balance in the two countries. Discussion centered on gender inequality in the workplace and COVID-19's impact on female employment. More than 90 people from around the world participated.



*Yuka Koshino, International Institute for Strategic Studies*

# Supporting Cutting-Edge Social Science Research on Contemporary Japan

## MANUSCRIPT WORKSHOPS

As part of its mission to support scholarship on contemporary Japan's politics, society, and foreign policy, 21JPSI hosts multidisciplinary academic workshops for academics to present and receive critical feedback on manuscript works-in-progress before these pieces are submitted for publication.

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### Workshop Theme: "Japan and the World"

Prof. Mary Alice Haddad, *Wesleyan University*

Prof. Kathryn Ibata-Arens, *DePaul University*

Prof. Kristin Vekasi, *University of Maine*

Prof. Hiroki Takeuchi, *Southern Methodist University*

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### Workshop Theme: "Japan and the World"

Prof. Madoka Fukuda, *Hosei University*

Prof. Yinan He, *Lehigh University*

Prof. Adam P. Liff, *Indiana University*

Prof. Phillip Y. Lipsky, *University of Toronto*

Prof. Yasuhiro Matsuda, *University of Tokyo*

Ms. Ayumi Teraoka, *Princeton University*

### Workshop Theme: "Race and Multiculturalism in Contemporary Japan"

Prof. Atsuko Abe, *J. F. Oberlin University*

Prof. Mitzi Uehara Carter, *Florida International University*

Ms. Kimberly Hassel, *Princeton University*

Ms. Yasmine Krings, *University of California Los Angeles*

Prof. Yuichiro Onishi, *University of Minnesota, Twin Cities*

Prof. Marvin Sterling, *Indiana University*

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### Workshop Theme: "Gender, Ethnicity, and Immigration in Contemporary Japan"

Ms. Yuko Hara, *University of Maryland*

Prof. Hilary Holbrow, *Indiana University*

Prof. Tristan Ivory, *Cornell University*

Prof. Yoshiaki Kubo, *University of the Ryukyus*

Prof. Eunmi Mun, *University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign*

Mr. Fumiya Uchikoshi, *Princeton University*

### Workshop Theme: "Japan and the World"

Prof. Maiko Ichihara, *Hitotsubashi University*

Prof. Adam P. Liff, *Indiana University*

Prof. Deirdre Martin, *Colby College*

Prof. Satoru Mori, *Hosei University*

Prof. Andrew Oros, *Washington College*

Prof. Saadia Pekkanen, *University of Washington*

### Workshop Theme: "Demographic Challenges in Contemporary Japan"

Prof. Angelina Chin, *Pomona College*

Prof. Gene Park, *Loyola Marymount University*

Prof. Kathryn Goldfarb, *University of Colorado Boulder*

Prof. Michael Sharpe, *York College/CUNY*

Prof. Michael Strausz, *Texas Christian University*

More workshops are being scheduled for 2022 2023.

## RESEARCH TRAVEL GRANTS

21JPSI has provided competitive grants to support Indiana University faculty research travel to Japan on topics under the Initiative's aegis. To date, there has been an even split between grants awarded to Japan specialists and those who are engaging Japan in their research for the first time.

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### Japan's New Immigration Law, Japanese-Brazilians, and Lessons Learned from the 1990's

**Prof. Joseph Coleman,**

Professor of Practice, Media School,  
*Indiana University*



Prof. Coleman, the Associated Press' former bureau chief in Tokyo, traveled to Oizumi City, Gunma Prefecture to launch a research project about the successes and challenges of Japan's experience with immigration since the 1990s including the impact of a new immigration law passed by the Japanese Diet. Prof. Coleman interviewed members of the community from various sectors, including business people, musicians, and educators. His preliminary findings were published in an article in the *Los Angeles Times*.

### Financialization in East Asia

**Prof. John Yasuda,** Assistant Professor,  
EALC Department, Hamilton Lugar School, *Indiana University*

Dr. John Yasuda traveled to Tokyo twice to conduct interviews and identify archival materials on the development of the Japanese equities market. A major focus of his project is to explore the politics involved in the development of the Tokyo Stock Exchange and to better understand the constellation of government policies, regulations, and state interventions that led

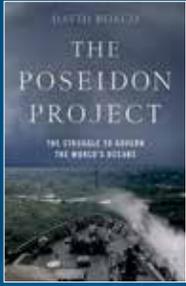
to its rapid development and subsequent decline.

This research is part of a larger project Dr. Yasuda is conducting on the process of financialization in relation to East Asia's major stock markets, and includes case studies from Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and China.



## The Japanese Perspective on Ocean Governance

**Prof. David Bosco**, Associate Professor, International Studies,  
Hamilton Lugar School, *Indiana University*



Prof. David Bosco's research in Japan is now incorporated into his book, *The Poseidon Project: The Struggle to Govern the World's Oceans* (Oxford University Press, 2022), which examines ocean governance and the law of the sea.



During his time in Tokyo and Yokosuka, Prof. Bosco met with Japanese government officials at Kantei (Prime Minister's Office), the Foreign Ministry, and Japan Coast Guard to discuss maritime issues. He also interviewed private sector actors involved in relevant deep sea operations. He participated in two conferences during his trip. In the conference at Chuo University, he served as the discussant for a presentation by Judge Shunji Yanai, who was appointed in 2005 as a judge on the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea.

## Historic Interpretation of A-bombing: Confronting Memory and Identity

**Prof. Izumi T. Harris**, Associate Faculty in Japanese, Department of World Languages and Cultures, *Indiana University Purdue University, Indianapolis*

Dr. Izumi Harris traveled to Tokyo, Kyoto, and Hiroshima to conduct research on the historic representation of the 1945 atomic bombings, observe museum exhibits, interview A bomb survivors, and attend the Chushikoku cultural anthropology conference at Hiroshima University. Based in part on her research, Dr. Harris wrote a research paper to be included in a forthcoming

publication, created a new course on East Asian nationalism and cultural identity, and organized a conference and poster exhibition about the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.



*The COVID 19 pandemic prevented faculty travel to Japan in 2020 and 2021, but 21JPSI has already awarded new grants and expects five additional faculty to travel before the end of 2022. More information is available on our website ([jpsi.indiana.edu](http://jpsi.indiana.edu)).*

# New Courses

Since its establishment in 2018, 21JPSI has already launched four new courses at the Hamilton Lugar School, significantly expanding the school's offerings on contemporary Japan.

## Japanese Foreign Policy

**EALC-E 399/505; INTL-I300**

This course introduces students to Japan's foreign relations and the politics of its foreign policy. We will focus primarily on the evolution of Japanese foreign policy since World War II, with particular attention paid to Japan's postwar relations with mainland China, North and South Korea, Southeast Asia, Taiwan, and the United States. We will end the semester critically examining how Japan's leaders are seeking to adjust its policies in the face of the complicated challenges of the 21st century. (Instructor: Prof. Adam Liff; offered in Fall 2019; Fall 2020; scheduled for Fall 2022)

## U.S.-Japan Relations

**EALC-E 350/505, INTL-I 300**

This course introduces students to the history and politics of U.S.-Japan relations in a regional and global context, with a particular focus on challenges confronting leaders in both countries—from the rise of China and trade frictions to base politics, climate change, and North Korean nuclear weapons. We will investigate the sources of these challenges and critically evaluate U.S.' and Japan's policy responses. (Instructor: Prof. Adam Liff; offered in Fall 2018; Spring 2022)

## Gender, Sex, and Sexuality in Japan

**EALC-E EALC-E 350/505**

This course will explore how ideas of gender and sexuality in Japan have been profoundly shaped by larger social, economic and political forces. Although we often think of gender and sexuality as intimate aspects of our identity, these larger forces play an important role. Questions we will critically engage include: What does it mean to be a man or a woman in contemporary Japan? How have gender roles changed over the course of Japan's modern history? In what ways have Japanese people embraced or resisted normative gender roles? (Instructor: Prof. Hilary Holbrow; offered in Fall 2021; Fall 2022)

## Japanese Politics and Society

**EALC-E 350/505**

This course introduces students to the numerous domestic political and social challenges facing Japan in the 21st century. From the world's most rapidly aging society to the challenge of bringing more women and immigrants into the workforce, Japan's political leaders have struggled to effectively address a number of vexing domestic issues. We will investigate the sources of these challenges; identify their political, economic and social externalities; and evaluate Japan's policy responses.

As a survey course on contemporary Japanese politics and society, this seminar will cover a wide range of topics—e.g., Japan's political institutions and the constitution revision movement, to gender, immigration, demographics, and the role of the media. (Instructor: Prof. Hilary Holbrow; offered in Spring 2021; scheduled for Spring 2023)



*Inaugural 21JPSI Student Ambassadors Evan Wright (L) and Summer Snyder (R) at IU Day 2019*

# Student Mentoring & Creating Community

## Student Ambassadors

In Spring 2019, 21JPSI launched a new “Student Ambassadors” program in response to student demand. Student Ambassadors help promote 21JPSI programming and courses to fellow students and help organize events. They will also mentor their “kohai.”

21JPSI’s inaugural Student Ambassadors—and the brains behind the original program proposal—were Evan Wright and Summer Snyder, both of whom majored in the East Asian Languages and Cultures Department while at IU.

The program continues, and to date, eight current and former students have now entered the Student Ambassadorial ranks.

## Former student ambassador will help inform U.S. science and technology policy through work at the Institute for Defense Analyses

Evan Wright graduated in 2022 as a double-major in International Studies and East Asian Languages and Cultures, with a focus on Japan and intelligence studies.



As 21JPSI’s student assistant from 2020-2022, Evan led the Ambassador team and assisted the Director with various tasks, including student programming and promotions. As an undergraduate research assistant, he used government documents, public opinion surveys, academic and media articles, and economic data to support faculty research on Japan-Taiwan relations, Japanese foreign policy, U.S. alliances, and Japan’s National Security Council.

In July 2022, Evan will begin a two-year Science Policy Fellowship at the Science and Technology Policy Institute (STPI) within the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA). This Federally Funded Research and Development Center informs policy decisions at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), NASA, USAID, the U.S. State Department, and Department of Defense programs.

**GET IN TOUCH!**

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# East Asian Languages and Cultures

21JPSI is but one example of the Hamilton Lugar School's robust commitment to East Asian studies and languages at Indiana University. The Institute of Korean Studies and East Asian Studies Center are two others. The Hamilton Lugar School's EALC Department is dedicated to the study of this rich and diverse region, with courses and expertise ranging from contemporary politics and religion to literature and ancient philosophy.

## **UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS**

- East Asian Languages and Cultures
- East Asian Studies

## **LANGUAGE PROGRAMS**

- Chinese
- Japanese
- Korean

The Hamilton Lugar School also supports a Language Flagship in Chinese – an innovative program that helps undergraduate students achieve professional-level proficiency alongside the major of their choice.

## **GRADUATE DEGREES**

- MA in East Asian Studies
- Dual degree: MA in East Asian Studies + MBA (Master of Business Administration) from the Kelley School of Business
- Dual degree: MA in East Asian Studies + MPA (Master of Public Affairs) from the O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs
- MA in Chinese or Japanese
- MA in Chinese or Japanese Pedagogy Track
- PhD in Chinese
- PhD in Japanese
- PhD Minor in East Asian Studies

## **Contact us!**

Contact the EALC Department to learn about academic options or sign up for the 21JPSI mailing list to stay informed of upcoming events and announcements.

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