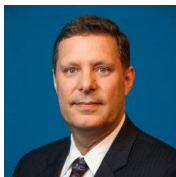


Geostrategic Outlook for Asia 2022

Background: In 2013, National Association of Japan-America Societies (NAJAS) and The Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF) developed the concept of "Japan Update Through Japan-America Societies", to provide public affairs updates. In 2019, NAJAS and SPF decided to partner on a new public affairs program focusing on the geostrategic challenges in Asia. NAJAS and SPF feel that this series is an important contribution to understanding of alliances at the grassroots level. The series is carried out by local Japan Societies across North America, and each event is composed of two recognized experts, one from Japan and North America, in a discussion format. The series is named "Geostrategy in the Grassroots".

Speakers:



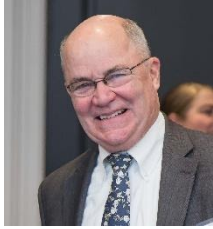
James L. Schoff

James L. Schoff is senior director of the "U.S.-Japan NEXT Alliance Initiative" at Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA. As leader of this initiative, Schoff fosters networking and development of joint recommendations involving a wide range of policy and technical specialists, in and out of government, to stimulate new alliance connections across foreign, security, and technology policy areas. The purpose is to help improve the alliance and how it serves shared interests, preparing it for new challenges in an increasingly complex and fluid geostrategic environment. Previously, Schoff was a senior fellow and director of the Japan Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace for nine years, following two years as senior adviser for East Asia policy at the U.S. Office of the Secretary of Defense. Schoff's career spans over thirty years working in the fields of business, education, government, and the non-profit sector, all related to Japan, East Asia, and the U.S.-Japan alliance. His publications include "A High-Tech Alliance: Challenges and Opportunities for U.S.-Japan Science and Technology Collaboration," (Carnegie, 2021) and *Uncommon Alliance for the Common Good: The United States and Japan after the Cold War* (Carnegie, 2017).



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Dr. Shino Watanabe is Professor at the Faculty of Global Studies, Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan and Visiting Scholar (Fulbright Scholar) at the Sigur Center for Asian Studies, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University. After graduating from the Faculty of Economics, University of Tokyo, she received her M.A. in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School, Tufts University and earned her Ph.D. in Foreign Affairs from the Woodrow Wilson Department of Politics, University of Virginia. She also studied at the School of International Studies, Peking University (2007-2008). She served as RIPS (Research Institute for Peace and Security)-CGP (Center for Global Partnership) Security Studies Fellow of the Japan Foundation (2004-2006), Research Fellow at the Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA) (2008-2010), Associate Professor at Saitama University (2010-2014), and Associate Professor at Sophia University (2014-2017). Her main research interests are Chinese foreign policy, international relations of East Asia, and international development finance.



Moderator: Peter Kelley

Peter Kelley has been President of NAJAS since 2009. He came to NAJAS with long experience with Japan in both the private and not-for-profit sectors. From 1985-2003, he worked for Teradyne, Inc., a Boston-based supplier of semiconductor test equipment, spending five years each in Japan and Europe and establishing the company's Connection Systems Division in Japan. From 2004-2009, he was Executive Director of the Harvard-Yenching Institute in Cambridge, Mass., an independent foundation dedicated to the promotion of the humanities in higher education in Asia. He is a graduate of Harvard College, with a major in East Asian Studies, and the University of Maine School of Law. In 2016, he was awarded a Foreign Minister's Commendation by the government of Japan for his work in support of the commemorations of the 70th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

Abstract of the event:

The Japan Society and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Japan (CCCJ), in partnership with the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, and the National Association of Japan-America Societies (NAJAS), are honoured to present you an online program focusing on geostrategic challenges in Asia featuring James Schoff and Professor Shino Watanabe, who will discuss political, security & economic relations and how these factors can shape the future of our world in 2022 and beyond.