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NORTHEAST ASIA SECURITY SYMPOSIUM

March 28th - 29th, 2022

18:00 - 21:00 JST/KST

Young Professionals in Foreign Policy (YFPF) Tokyo is proud to announce its inaugural “Northeast Asia Security Symposium” (NASS). The online event will feature experts, leaders, and mid-career scholars in defense, academia, and foreign policy to discuss pressing regional topics relevant to trilateral security in Japan, Korea, and the United States. These speakers will share their insight on the current and future state of security affairs in the region and will provide guidance and perspective for young leaders in this dynamic and quickly changing field.

Young Professionals in Foreign Policy (YFPF、外交政策の若手プロフェッショナル) 東京は、当団体初の「北東アジア安全保障シンポジウム」(NASS)を開催いたします。このオンラインイベントでは、防衛、学術、外交政策の専門家、リーダー、中堅研究者を招き、日韓米三国の安全保障に関連する喫緊の地域課題について議論します。講演者は、この地域における安全保障問題の現状と未来について見識を共有し、このダイナミックで変化の激しい分野で活躍する若手リーダーたちに向けて様々な指導と観点を提供します。

Young Professionals in Foreign Policy (YFPF)이 주최하는 1회 동북아시아 안보 심포지움 (Northeast Asia Security Symposium: NASS)에 초대합니다. 온라인으로 개최될 금번 행사는 외교·안보·국방 분야 실무자들과 학계 전문가 등 각 계층의 인사가 참석해 한미일 3국 안보에 관련된 역내 현안 등을 토의하게 될 것입니다. 동북아시아 안보 심포지움은 동 지역의 급변하는 안보환경의 현재와 미래에 대해 초청 연사들이 식견을 나누고 그들의 견해와 비전을 외교·안보 분야 미래 지도자들과 공유하는 자리가 될 것입니다.

With special thanks to our distinguished speakers and guests, NASS Co-Directors, Julian Gluck and Byron Muhlenberg, and the volunteer staff and organizers at YFPF Tokyo.

For NASS-related inquiries, please contact YFPF Tokyo Programs Officer & NASS Co-Director, Byron Muhlenberg at byron.muhlenberg@ypfp.org.



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- 18:00 Opening Remarks** | Julian Gluck and Byron Muhlenberg
- 18:05 Remarks From the Chair** | Bee Yun Jo
- 18:10 Session 1: Role of a Commercial Officer in Advancing U.S. Commercial Interests Abroad**
Jay Biggs
- 18:40 Session 2: The Blind Men and the Elephant: My Experience With KPA During the 2018 Detente**
Kee Hyun "Andy" Kim
- 19:20 Session 3: Northeast Asia Young Professionals Nuclear Panel**
Julian Gluck, Diana Myers, and Betty Suh
- 20:10 NEA Keynote: Navigating Strategic Shocks in Northeast Asia**
Mike Bosack
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- 20:55 Closing Remarks** | Julian Gluck and Byron Muhlenberg

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- 18:10 Session 4: Challenges for the U.S.-Japan Alliance**
Tetsuo Kotani
- 18:50 Session 5: Sovereignty, Legitimacy, and the Bomb: North Korea's Strategic Motivations**
George Hutchinson
- 19:30 Session 6: Defense Innovation in NE Asia; yesterday, today, Tomorrow...**
Patrick Rory Tibbals
- 20:15 Session 7: Counter-Strategic Thought: Understanding Our Adversaries Like We Understand Our Allies** | Logan Barlow
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Mr. Jay Biggs

Deputy Senior Commercial Officer

U.S. Department of Commerce Foreign Commercial Service, U.S. Embassy Seoul

Session 1: Role of a Commercial Officer in Advancing U.S. Commercial Interests Abroad

Mr. Jay Biggs has a lifelong interest in Asia. After graduating from Arizona State University with a business degree, he taught English as a Japan Exchange Teacher (JET) in a small village in central Japan. Later, Mr. Biggs attended graduate school at American University in Washington DC and at Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto. Following graduate school, Mr. Biggs joined the U.S. Department of Commerce, working on the Japan and China desks and later working on medical regulatory issues in Asia. After spending one year as a Mansfield fellow in Tokyo, Mr. Biggs joined the U.S. Commercial Service where he has served in Guangzhou and Beijing, China as well as in Osaka, Japan. Currently Mr. Biggs is the deputy of the commercial section in the U.S. Embassy Seoul.



Mr. Kee Hyun "Andy" Kim

International Relations Advisor to the Commander

ROK-US Combined Air Component Command and Seventh Air Force

Session 2: The Blind Men and the Elephant: My Experience with KPA During the 2018 Detente

Andy Kim is the International Relations Advisor to the Commander of ROK-US Air Component and US Seventh Air Force. A 2010 graduate of Haverford College, he most recently served as Special Assistant for DPRK Affairs to the senior US member for talks with the Korean People's Army and was awarded the ROK Minister of National Defense citation and US Joint Civilian Service Commendation Award for his service.



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Ms. Diana Myers

Air Force PhD Fellow

Pardee RAND Graduate School / RAND Corporation

Session 3: North Korea's Evolving Nuclear Threat Towards China

Diana Myers is a doctoral candidate at the Pardee RAND Graduate School and an Air Force PhD fellow at the RAND Corporation where she specializes in North Korean and Chinese military strategy. Her doctoral dissertation explores North Korea's evolving nuclear threat towards China. Most recently, Diana worked as a research associate at the Center for Global Security Research (CGSR) at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Additionally, she is a nuclear scholar as a part of the 2022 cohort of the CSIS Nuclear Scholars Initiative. In addition to her academic pursuits, Diana is also a member of the Air Force Language Enabled Airmen Program, and maintains a native-level proficiency in Korean. She received her bachelor of science and officer commission from the United States Air Force Academy.



Maj Julian Gluck

Aide-de-Camp to the Commander

Seventh Air Force (U.S. Air Forces Korea)

Session 3: Kasa-Obake: A Spirited Case Against Abandoning the U.S.-Japan Nuclear Umbrella

Julian Gluck is a United States Air Force bomber instructor pilot and also serves as Chairman Emeritus of the National Company Grade Officers' Council. A 2012 distinguished graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, he is a member of the Program for Emerging Leaders at National Defense University, a Pacific Forum Young Leader, and an alumnus of the Nuclear Scholars Initiative at CSIS's Project on Nuclear Issues. Gluck was named to the 2020 Forbes 30 Under 30 as a standout honoree for policy in North America.



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Ms. Elisabeth I-Mi Suh

Research Fellow
German Council on Foreign Relations

Session 3: Nuclear Modernization by Pyongyang and Challenges for Seoul and Washington

Betty Suh is Research Fellow at the German Council of Foreign Relations (DGAP) as well as PhD fellow at the Institute for Peace Studies and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (IFSH). Her dissertation discusses North Korea's nuclear signaling vis-à-vis the US; her work includes issues of nuclear arms control and non-proliferation more broadly, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region. Betty was previously affiliated with the German Institute of International and Security Affairs (SWP), the Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF); among other opportunities, she has worked for the Organization of Security Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) as an external project consultant.



Dr. Mike Bosack

Special Advisor for Government Relations
Yokosuka Council on Asia-Pacific Studies (YCAPS)

NEA Keynote: Navigating Strategic Shocks in Northeast Asia

Michael MacArthur Bosack is the Special Advisor for Government Relations at the Yokosuka Council on Asia-Pacific Studies and the founder of the Parley Policy Initiative. Previously, Michael served in the U.S. Air Force as a Foreign Area Officer. His last posting in the Air Force was as the Deputy Chief of Government Relations at Headquarters, U.S. Forces, Japan. Prior to that, Michael was a Mansfield Fellow, where he worked in the National Diet, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Ministry of Defense. He completed his doctoral studies at the International University of Japan's Graduate School of International Relations. Michael's Ph.D. research examined Alliance Theory and Intergovernmental Negotiations, specifically focusing on the negotiations and outcomes of the 1997 and 2015 Defense Guidelines between the United States and Japan. His other research areas include North Korean Governance and Foreign Policy, Peacemaking, Postwar Occupation Policy, and Leadership Studies.



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Dr. Bee Yun Jo

Associate Research Fellow
Korea Institute for Defense Analyses (KIDA)

NASS Chair, Day One

Bee Yun JO is Associate Research Fellow at Korea Institute for Defense Analyses (KIDA). She received M.A. and Ph.D. in International Studies from Graduate School of International Studies(GSIS), Seoul National University. Before joining KIDA in 2020, she was Research Professor at Institute of International Affairs(IIA), Seoul National University, and full-time lecturer at EastAsia International College(EIC), Yonsei University. Her research interests include nuclear-conventional deterrence, extended deterrence, alliance and armament in Northeast Asia. Her recent publications include US's Low-yield Nuclear Weapons and Extended Deterrence on the Korean Peninsula(Seoul: KIDA, 2021) and "Plan B for Non-Nuclear States in East Asia: Debating on Nuclear Latency as Means for Potential Deterrence"(National Strategy, Vol. 27, No. 4, 2021). Her publications also appear in Asian Perspective, International Relations of the Asia-Pacific, Korean Social Science Journal, Korean Journal of Security Affairs, and others. She is member of planning board of Korean Association for Political and Diplomatic History and advisory committee member of the National Unification Advisory Council.



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Prof. Tetsuo Kotani

Senior Fellow

Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA)

Session 4: Challenges for the US-Japan Alliance

Tetsuo KOTANI is a professor at Meikai University and a senior fellow at the Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA). His research focus is Japan's foreign/security policy, the US-Japan alliance, and international relations and maritime security in the Indo-Pacific region. He won the 2003 Japanese Defense Minister Prize. He has published numerous articles both in English and Japanese, and his recent English publications include "Crisis Management in the East China Sea" (SIPRI Policy Brief, 2015) and "China's Military and Paramilitary Activities in the East China Sea: Implications for the U.S.-Japan Alliance" (National Bureau of Asian Research, 2020). He received a master's degree from Doshisha University.



Mr. George Hutchinson

Managing Editor

International Journal of Korean Studies

Session 5: Sovereignty, Legitimacy, and the Bomb: North Korea's Strategic Motivations

George A. Hutchinson is Managing Editor of the International Journal of Korean Studies and a board member of the International Council on Korean Studies. He is also a Ph.D. candidate at George Mason University's Schar School of Policy and Government and a Senior Regional Planner at SecuriFense Inc. advising and supporting military basing issues in the Republic of Korea. He previously served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force, specializing as a Northeast Asia Foreign Area Officer, Logistics Readiness Officer, and Korean linguist. Mr. Hutchinson's writings have been published in the International Journal of Korean Studies, U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings, and the Air Force Journal of Logistics, as well as reports by the Korea Economic Institute of America and Marine Corps University Press. Mr. Hutchinson holds a master's in logistics management from the U.S. Air Force Institute of Technology.



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Lt Col Patrick Rory Tibbals

Director of Foreign Military Sales and Security Assistance
Mutual Defense Assistance Office, U.S. Embassy Tokyo, Japan

Session 6: Defense Innovation in NE Asia; yesterday, today, *Tomorrow...*

Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Rory Tibbals is Director of Foreign Military Sales and Security Assistance for the Mutual Defense Assistance Office, U.S. Embassy, Tokyo, Japan. He is the lead in-country representative to Japan for their \$33 billion active Foreign Military Sales portfolio. He directs security assistance programs and advises the Ambassador, senior military and interagency leaders, and defense industry representatives on defense technology sales issues affecting the U.S.-Japan Security Alliance. Lieutenant Colonel Tibbals is a U.S. Indo-Pacific Command-focused Foreign Affairs Officer with four consecutive assignments in the Northeast Asia region. Prior to his current position, he served an operational tour in South Korea as Director of Operations for the 51st Communications Squadron, contributing to the success of the 2017 pressure campaign against North Korea. He also completed a one-year fellowship in Japanese government and an exchange tour with the Japan Air Self Defense Force.



Maj Logan Barlow

Director of Staff
18th Operations Group, Kadena Air Force Base, Japan

Session 7: Counter-Strategic Thought: Understanding Our Adversaries Like We Understand Our Allies

Logan Barlow is a Major in the United States Air Force. He currently serves as the Director of Staff, 18th Operations Group, Kadena Air Force Base, Japan. He is a graduated Mansfield Fellow, where he worked within the Government of Japan at the Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cabinet Office, and as an intern for a member of the National Diet. His work in the fellowship focused on strengthening security partnerships through innovative policy changes and fostering interpersonal relationships. He is a certified INDOPACOM Foreign Affairs Officer and a Northeast Asia Regional expert. He has recorded over 2,000 flight hours in multiple airframes including his primary airframe, the KC-135R/T.



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Mr. Tenzin Dawa Thargay

Foreign Service Officer
U.S. Department of State

NASS Chair, Day Two

Tenzin Dawa Thargay is currently in Vietnamese language for his first tour in U.S. Embassy Hanoi's consular section. He also serves as the Co-Chair for Professional Development on the Asian American in Foreign Affairs Association (AAFAA) Board. A 2019 Rangel Fellow, Tenzin began his Foreign Service career as a Council of American Ambassadors Annenberg Fellow at the State Department's Office of International Religious Freedom and Fulbright Scholar in South Korea. Tenzin earned an M.A. in International Affairs from Columbia University SIPA and dual B.A.s in political science and Chinese from UMass Amherst, where he was the student commence speaker. Originally from Boston, MA Tenzin speaks Tibetan and Mandarin and loves playing tennis.



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Capt Byron Muhlenberg

Programs Officer
NASS Co-Director
Young Professionals in Foreign Policy (YFPF) Tokyo

Byron is an active-duty officer currently assigned as the Director of Business Operations to the 35th Contracting Squadron at Misawa Air Base, Japan. He oversees 45 personnel providing acquisition support to both joint and bilateral Army, Navy, and Air Force operations throughout Northern Japan and the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command. His previous assignments include the Defense Contract Management Agency, serving as the Space Systems Administrative Contracting Officer, and Yokota Air Base, Japan. He is a member of the U.S. Air Force's Language Enabled Airman Program (LEAP) for Japanese, the Japan America Society of Southern California, and Pacific Forum's Young Leaders Program. He is a distinguished graduate from the United States Air Force Academy and earned his Master of Business Administration from the University of Southern California.

About YFPF Tokyo

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