

Co-hosted the expert forum “The Future of US Policy & the Indo-Pacific”

On Thursday, January 16, 2025, the Center for East Asian Peace and Cooperation Studies at Ritsumeikan University participated in an expert forum entitled “U.S. Policy Outlook and the Indo-Pacific,” hosted by the Sigur Center for Asian Studies at George Washington University in the United States.

The forum provided a table for discussing the opportunities and challenges facing the United States and its allies in the Indo-Pacific region in light of the inauguration of the second Trump administration. The forum consisted of two panels. In the first panel, experts presented their perspectives on the foreign strategies of Japan, the United States, South Korea, and China. In the second panel, specialists from major countries and regions—including South Korea, China, Taiwan, and India—raised a range of political and diplomatic variables shaping the Indo-Pacific region.

While the international environment is characterized by growing geopolitical and economic uncertainty, including intensifying U.S.–China rivalry, the discussions emphasized the increasing complexity of inter-state and inter-regional relationships in the post–Cold War international order shaped by deepening globalization. Building on this shared assessment, participants reached a common understanding of the importance of seeking shared values and identifying areas conducive to cooperation.

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●Event Details

Date: Thursday, January 16, 2025 13:00-16:30

Venue: Elliott School of International Affairs, State Room 7th floor

Organizer: Sigur Center for Asian Studies, Center for East Asian Peace and Cooperation Studies, East Asia National Resource Center, Taiwan Education and Research Program, and Seoul National University’s Institute for Peace and Unification Studies

●Moderators and panelists

Arrington, Celeste (Professor, The George Washington University)

Haddock, Richard J. (Assistant Director, the Sigur Center for Asian Studies)

Jang, Youngjoo (Visiting Assistant Professor, Ritsumeikan University)

Sutter, Robert (Professor, The George Washington University)

Arveseth, Drew

(Director, Korean Peninsula and Mongolia, United States National Security Council)

Kim, Bumsoo (Director, Institute for Peace and Unification Studie, Seoul National University)

Kim, Inwook (Associate Professor, Sungkyunkwan University)

Mazzocco, Ilaria (Deputy Director and Senior Fellow, Center for Strategic & International Studies)

Parameswaran, Prashanth (Global Fellow, The Wilson Center)

Kowalewski, Ann (Senior non-resident Fellow, The Global Taiwan Institute)

Rabgey, Tashi (Research Professor, The George Washington University)

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