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### **Japan and International Peacekeeping**

Convenor & Chair: David Walton (University of Western Sydney)

Discussant: Geoff Miller (AIIA NSW Branch)

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#### **Description:**

This collection of papers will explore the reasons for such heated and often passionate debate about Japan's role in international peacekeeping. The main focus will be an examination of domestic and international responses to Japan's involvement in peacekeeping operations and an analysis of its implications for defence and foreign policy issues in Japan.

#### **Presenters:**

Gen Kikkawa            **Japan and East Timor**

Raquel Shaoul        **An Evaluation of Policy Change with Reference to Japan's Military Performance in the Persian Gulf**

Yukiko Nishikawa    **Japan in the 21st Century - A Search for its Role in International Humanitarian Crises**

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### **Local Politics and Society in Modern Japan**

Convenor: Hideko Takeyasu (Kyoto Women's University)

Chair: Lam Peng Er (National University of Singapore)

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#### **Description:**

This panel is aimed to report the modernity and tradition of Japan from the perspective of local community. It will consist of the issues on local politics, industry, local religion and gender.

#### **Presenters:**

Hideko Takeyasu      **Towards Equal Gender Representation in Local Politics**

Masashi Kasuga      **Reorganisation of Local Councils and Women Councillors in Japan**

Yoshio Kubota        **The Evaluation Method of Special Zones for Structural Reform in the View of Public Policies**

Tomoko Hoshino      **The Role and Meaning of 'Mizuko-kuyo' in Modern Japanese Society: Some Findings Based on Interviews**

Reiko Kawai          **Tradition and Modernity in Japanese Local Industry**

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### **Japanese Foreign Policy in Asia**

Convenor: Chris Braddick (Musashi University & ANU)

Chair: David Walton (University of Western Sydney)

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#### **Description:**

This panel will examine the postwar evolution of Japanese foreign policy in an Asian context. The papers offer a series of contrasts: between bilateral and multilateral environments; between the Cold War and Post-Cold War eras; and between the perspectives of diplomatic history, international relations, and political science. Japan appears variously in the guise of nervous mediator, reluctant participant, and competitive leader. However, the findings suggest that Japan has played a more active role in the region than previously supposed, albeit often behind the scenes.

#### **Presenters:**

James Llewelyn      **Japan's Diplomatic Response to the Indonesia-Malaysia Confrontation**

Chris Braddick       **Japan and ASPAC: the Rise and Fall of the First Asia-Pacific Multilateral Framework**

Brad Williams        **Japan's Response to the Asian Tsunami Crisis: Beyond 'Competitive Compassion'**

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**\*\*\*\*Note: These panels are tentative only and subject to change\*\*\*\***

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### **Japan and Major Asian Powers**

Chair: S. Javed Maswood (Griffith University)

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**Presenters:**

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| K.V. Kesavan                | <b>Expanding Indo-Japanese Relations: Implications for the Asia-Pacific Region</b>              |
| Tsukasa Takamine            | <b>A New Dynamism in Sino-Japanese Security Relations: Japan's Strategic Use of Foreign Aid</b> |
| Purnendra Jain & John Bruni | <b>Japan, China and India: Towards a New Tripartism in Asia</b>                                 |
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### **Civil Society and NGOs in Japan's Foreign Policy**

Chair: Keiko Tabusa (Jumonji University)

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**Presenters:**

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| John Wilfred Sasuya | <b>Japan's Role in Sustainable Development in the Philippines: Rhetoric and Realities of Japanese Economic Assistance (The Case Study of the San Roque Multi-Purpose Project)</b> |
| Akiko Nanami        | <b>Growing Out of Hand: Japanese NGOs as Major Challengers in Japan's Official Aid Policy in the 1990s</b>  |
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### **Current Issues of Political Reform**

Chair: J.A.A. Stockwin (University of Oxford)

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**Presenters:**

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| Keiko Tabusa    | <b>Changes in Political Mass Communication in Japan</b>                               |
| Jeff Kingston   | <b>Information Disclosure in Japan</b>  |
| Jennifer A Amyx | <b>Symbolic Capital: Postal Privatization and Institutional Change in Japan's LDP</b> |
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### **Legal Reform**

Convenor: Kent Anderson (Australian National University)

Chair: Luke Nottage (University of Sydney)

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**Presenters:**

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| Kent Anderson | <b>The Slow Birth of Japan's Quasi-Jury System (saiban-in seido): Interim Report on the Road to Enforcement</b> |
| Trevor Ryan   | <b>Creating 'Problem Kids': Juvenile Crime in Japan and Revisions to the Juvenile Act</b>                       |
| Carol Lawson  | <b>Japan's New Privacy Regime in Context</b>  |