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Pivotal Alliance?

US-Japan relations and East Asian security

Tuesday 28 May 2013 5.45pm –7pm, refreshments served from 5.30pm

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Professor Mike Mochizuki will discuss the evolution and likely trajectory of US-Japanese security relations following the return of the Liberal Democratic Party and Shinzo Abe to power, and the Obama Administration's "rebalancing" toward Asia.

Issues Professor Mochizuki will address include bilateral defense cooperation, Abe's push to reinterpret and revise Japan's constitution, the impact of fiscal constraints, and the Futenma Marine Air Station relocation plan and Okinawan politics.

Professor Mochizuki will also explore the role of the US-Japan alliance, the rise of China and the impact of uncertainties in the Korean peninsula. He will explore the Senkaku/Diaoyu Islands dispute, the challenges of maritime security, the Taiwan question, and the US-China nuclear balance and extended deterrence.

He will look at options for dealing with North Korea and explore the implications of various scenarios for both Japanese security policy and the US-Japan alliance.

Finally, Professor Mochizuki will consider the US-Japan alliance within the broader US-led alliance in the Asia-Pacific. Should and will this bilateral alliance network become more "multilateralised"? Would multilateralisation make the alliance more or less pivotal for regional and global security? Would multilateralisation tighten or loosen the US-Japan alliance?

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