Challenges of UN Peacebuilding and Mediation: Roles of Japan, USA, and UN

The seminar will discuss how US, Japan, and UN can work for providing positive solutions on these global security challenges, focusing on peace negotiation, mediation, and peacebuilding.

Speaker : Dr. Daisaku Higashi

Professor, Deputy Director for Center for Global Cooperation and Training at Sophia University

He obtained Ph.D. in University of British Columbia in Canada and specializes in peacebuilding and mediation. He was assigned by Japanese Foreign Minister to make lectures and conduct researches in both Iraq and South Sudan in 2019. He will share his findings in the seminar. He worked for UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan as a team leader for reconciliation; he also worked for Japan mission to the UN as Minister-Counsellor in charge of peacebuilding. His publication includes "Challenges of Constructing Legitimacy in Peacebuilding: Afghanistan, Iraq, Sierra Leones, and East Timor" (Routledge).



Dr. Daisaku Higashi

Speaker: Jake Sherman

Director of the International Peace Institute's Brian Urquhart Center for Peace Operations

He is the Director of the International Peace Institute's Brian Urquhart Center for Peace Operations. Prior to joining IPI in November 2017,he was Special Adviser on UN Management and Reform at the United States Mission to the United Nations. He previously worked for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Office of Transition Initiatives as the Regional Team Leader for Afghanistan and Pakistan (2012-2015). He has also worked on peace and security-related policy issues for the New York University Center on International Cooperation and the International Peace Institute.



Jake Sherman

Moderator/Commentator: Kazuhiro Maeshima

Professor at Sophia University

Chairperson of the Department of Global Studies

He is specialized in American politics and international relations. He obtained PhD at University of Maryland. He is one of the most famous scholars on American politics in Japan and continues to share his analyses through both international and domestic media. He has written numerous articles and books on American politics and international relations.



Kazuhiro Maeshima

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