AGENDA

2:30-2:50pm
Greetings – Saori Katada and Takuya Toda-Ozaki
Introduction -- Frank Baldwin

2:50-3:10pm
“Fiscal survival and Financial Revival” -- Saori Katada and Gene Park

3:10-3:30pm
“Facing Japan's Mega Disaster Challenges” -- William Siembieda

3:30-3:50pm
“Constitutional Revision: Turning Back the Clock to the Future” – Lawrence Repeta

3:50-4:00pm
Break

4:00-4:15pm
Comment by T.J. Pempel

4:15-4:30pm
Comment by Lieba Faier

4:30-5:00pm
Q&A session
Concluding Remarks -- Frank Baldwin

5:00-6:30pm
Reception


**PARTICIPANT BIOS**

**Frank Baldwin**

Frank Baldwin received his Ph.D. in East Asian languages and cultures from Columbia University, and taught there and at Tsukuba and Sophia universities in Japan. He was Senior American editor at the Translation Service Center (1981-1995), Tokyo, and Japan representative, Social Science Research Council (1996-2012). He has written extensively on East Asian political and historical issues. His translations include *The Pacific War* by Ienaga Saburo, *The Japan That Can Say No* by Ishihara Shintaro, and *The Korean War* (2013) by Wada Haruki.

**Lieba Faier**

Lieba Faier is Associate Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of California, Los Angeles. She received her Ph.D. in Anthropology (Women Studies) from the University of California, Santa Cruz in 2003. Her first book, *Intimate Encounters: Filipina Women and the Remaking of Rural Japan* (University of California Press, 2009) is an ethnography of cultural encounters among Filipina migrants and their Japanese families and communities in rural Nagano. Her research focuses on bringing ethnographic and feminist approaches to understanding the spatial and cultural dynamics of contemporary transnational processes, particularly in Japan, the Philippines, and the United States.

**Saori N. Katada**

Saori N. Katada is Associate Professor at the School of International Relations and the Director of the Political Science and International Relations (POIR) Program at University of Southern California. She is the author *Banking on Stability: Japan and the Cross-Pacific Dynamics of International Financial Crisis Management* (University of Michigan Press, 2001). She also published four edited and co-edited books and numerous articles on the subject of trade, financial and monetary cooperation in East Asia as well as Japanese foreign aid. For her research on regionalism, she was recently awarded the Japan Foundation Research grant and National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship. She has her PhD from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Political Science) in 1994, and BA from Hitotsubashi University (Tokyo). Before joining USC, she served as a researcher at the World Bank in Washington DC, and as International Program officer at the UNDP in Mexico City.

**Gene Park**

Gene Park teaches comparative politics and international relations at Loyola Marymount University and has written extensively on the politics of public finance in Japan, including *Spending without Taxation: FILP and the Politics of Public Finance in Japan* (Stanford University Press, 2011). He received his Ph.D. in political science and a Master’s Degree in City and Regional Planning from the University of California, Berkeley. He is currently working on a comparative study of taxation.

**T. J. Pempel**

T. J. Pempel (Ph.D., Columbia) is Jack M. Forcey of Political Science in U.C. Berkeley's Department of Political Science which he joined in July 2001. He served as director of the Institute of East Asian Studies from 2002 until 2006. Prof. Pempel’s research and teaching focus on comparative politics, political economy, contemporary Japan and Asian regionalism. His recent books include *Remapping Asia: The Construction of a Region* (Cornell University Press 2004), *Security Cooperation in Northeast Asia* (Routledge, 2012), and *The Economic-Security Nexus in Northeast Asia* (Routledge 2012). He is currently finishing an edited book on Asia's reactions to the two major financial crises and is working on a book on Asian political reactions to the end of the Cold War and the rise in global finance.
Lawrence Repeta

Professor Repeta teaches law at Meiji University in Tokyo. The primary focus of his advocacy and research is transparency in government. He has served as a lawyer, business executive, and law professor in Japan and the United States. He is best-known in Japan as the plaintiff in a landmark suit decided by the Supreme Court of Japan in 1989 that opened Japan’s courts to note-taking by courtroom spectators. He serves on the board of directors of Information Access Clearinghouse Japan, an NGO devoted to promoting open government in Japan and is affiliated with other organizations that promote individual rights. His recent writings include “Reserved Seats on Japan’s Supreme Court,” published in the Washington University Law Journal and available at [http://lawreview.wustl.edu/in-print/vol-886/](http://lawreview.wustl.edu/in-print/vol-886/), and “Law and Society in Japan,” in the Routledge Handbook of Japanese Culture and Society edited by Victoria Bestor and Theodore C. Bestor. His online writings appear at www.freedominfo.org, www.japanfocus.org and elsewhere.

William J. Siembieda

William Siembieda (PhD UCLA) is an internationally known disaster mitigation planner. His work bridges scholarship and practice. He was a key member of the team that prepared the highly acclaimed 2013 and 2010 State of California Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plans. His work on the legislative framework led to the first of its kind Federal District of Caracas (Venezuela) Mitigation and Preparedness Plan. In 2008 he conducted studies of long-term disaster recovery studies in Niigata (Japan) and pre-disaster planning studies in Nara Prefecture (Japan) and has continued to work on recovery plans for the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami. His four-country Central America study of 15 poor communities demonstrates how they chose a paradigm for disaster recovery and provides insight into successful long-term recovery. He is international advisor to Kyoto University’s Inter-departmental PhD program on Sustainability and Survivability Sciences. He has been visiting research professor at the Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University and advisor to Chile’s national Research Center for Integrated Disaster Management. Dr. Siembieda is Professor of City and Regional Planning, California Polytechnic State University and recipient of two Fulbright awards. His academic writing includes: Contemporary Urbanism in Brazil; After Brasilia (2009); and Recovery from Disasters: Challenges for Low Income Communities in the Americas (2005).