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09:00 - 10:00  | Registration

10:00 - 10:10 | Welcome Remarks
Welcome remarks by Ambassador Rosemary A. DiCarlo, President of National Committee on American Foreign Policy and Senior Fellow at the Jackson Institute for Global Affairs.

10:10 - 10:50 | Keynote Speech and Q&A
U.S. Role In East Asia
Keynote Speech by Ambassador Daniel R. Russel, Senior Fellow and Diplomat in Residence at Asia Society Policy Institute. He served until March 2017 as the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

11:00 - 12:30 | Panel One
Prospects of Negotiating a Peace Treaty with North Korea
If North Korea ever returns to the negotiating table, having peace treaty talks alongside denuclearization talks would likely be inevitable. Washington and Seoul have avoided this possibility for good reasons, but Pyongyang’s advancing nuclear and missile capabilities might push them to open Pandora’s box.

What are the prospects of such peace treaty talks? Which countries should get a seat at the table and what would be their demands? Would Pyongyang agree to denuclearization in the end? How would a peace treaty on the Korean Peninsula affect the security architecture in East Asia?

12:30 - 13:30 | Lunch

13:30 - 15:00 | Panel Two
Revising the Japanese Constitution: Regional Implications
This year marks the 70th anniversary of the enactment of the postwar Japanese Constitution. During the celebration, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe announced a plan to revise it by 2020.

The crux of the revision is to “make explicit” the status of the Japanese military, or the Self Defense Forces, which will put an end to the debate on its legitimacy.

What is Abe’s ultimate goal? Will the Parliament and the Japanese people, who have not fought a war in 70 years, vote for the revision? If it passes, how will neighboring countries react? Will it diminish or increase the US military influence in Japan?

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

DANIEL R. RUSSEL
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A career member of the Senior Foreign Service at the U.S. Department of State, Ambassador Russel served until March 2017 as the Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs. Prior to his appointment as Assistant Secretary on July 12, 2013, Mr. Russel served at the White House as Special Assistant to the President and National Security Council (NSC) Senior Director for Asian Affairs. During his tenure there, he helped formulate President Obama’s strategic rebalance to the Asia Pacific region.
*Ambassador Russel will also speak on the first panel.

SPEAKERS | Panel One

EVANS J.R. REVERE
Senior Advisor
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Mr. Revere served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs and Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Seoul during a long career as one of the U.S. State Department’s top Asia experts. He has extensive experience in negotiations with North Korea and his expertise includes U.S. relations with the PRC and Taiwan, Japan, and the two Koreas. He is currently Nonresident Senior Fellow at the Center for East Asia Policy Studies at Brookings.

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Mr. Snyder is director of the program on U.S.-Korea policy at CFR. He was a senior associate at The Asia Foundation, where he founded and directed the Center for U.S.-Korea Policy and served as the foundation’s representative in Korea. He has provided advice to NGOs and humanitarian organizations active in North Korea and serves as co-chair of the advisory council of the National Committee on North Korea. He is the author of South Korea at the Crossroads: Autonomy and Alliance in an Era of Rival Powers, which will be released in January from Columbia University Press.
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LEON V. SIGAL
Director
Northeast Asia Cooperative Security Project, Social Science Research Council
Mr. Sigal was a member of the editorial board of The New York Times from 1989 to 1995. He served in the Bureau of Politico-Military Affairs at the U.S. Department of State from 1979 to 1980 and was an adjunct professor at Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs from 1985 to 1989 and from 1996 to 2000. He is the author of Disarming Strangers: Nuclear Diplomacy with North Korea.

AMBASSADOR ROSEMARY A. DICARLO
President
National Committee on American Foreign Policy
Ambassador DiCarlo served a distinguished career as a U.S. diplomat, holding positions at the U.S. Department of State, National Security Council and the U.S. Information Agency. She was U.S. Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations and U.S. Alternate Representative for Special Political Affairs to the United Nations. Her expertise includes Russia and the management of broad multilateral initiatives. She is currently Senior Fellow and Lecturer at the Jackson Institute.
*Ambassador DiCarlo will moderate the first panel.

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ADMIRAL TOMOHISA TAKEI
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Admiral (ret.) Tomohisa Takei served as Chief of Staff of Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) from October 2014 to December 2016. During his 37-year career in JMSDF, he also held positions including Director General of Operations and Plans Department, Commandant of Yokosuka and Ominato Districts, and Vice Chief of Staff of JMSDF. He was awarded Legion of Merit four times from the U.S., France, and Turkey.
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Professor Rosenbluth is a comparative political economist with current research interests in war and constitutions, Japanese politics and political economy, and the political economy of gender. She has received research support from the Fulbright Commission, the National Science Foundation, the Council on Foreign Affairs, and the Abe Foundation. Her recent books include Forged Through Fire: Military Conflict and the Democratic Bargain (with John Ferejohn, Norton 2016) and Japan Transformed: Political Change and Economic Reform (with Michael Thies, Princeton University Press, 2010). She is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

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Professor Mattingly studies comparative politics, with a focus on political economy, authoritarianism, and Chinese politics. His current research examines communal and ethnic politics, local governance, and the history of state building in China. He was previously a postdoctoral fellow at the Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law at Stanford University.

*Professor Mattingly will moderate the second panel.