“Great Power Politics and the Future of Asian Regionalism”

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Convener: Kumiko Haba
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Introduction: 2:00-2:30 p.m.

Moderator: Susan J. Pharr
Edwin O. Reischauer Professor of Japanese Politics, and Director, WCFIA Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, Harvard University

Keynote: Ichiro Fujisaki
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the United States of America

Part I: 2:30-3:30 p.m.

“The Future of American Power in Asia”
Joseph S. Nye, Jr.
University Distinguished Service Professor, Harvard Kennedy School

“ASEAN and Asian Regionalism”
Surin Pitsuwan
Secretary General, Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)

Part II: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

“EU and the Asia-Pacific Region: China and India as Strategic Partners?”
May-Britt Stumbaum
Head, NFG Research Group on “Asian Perceptions of EU,” Free University of Berlin

“The Emerging Dual Leadership Structure in the Asia-Pacific Region”
Quansheng Zhao
Professor of International Relations and Director, Center for Asian Studies, School of International Service, American University

“Japan and the Great Power Politics of Asian Regionalism”
Kumiko Haba
Academic Associate, Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, Harvard University, and Jean Monnet Chair of the European Union and Professor of International Politics, Aoyama Gakuin University

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Speaker Biographies

Susan J. Pharr
Edwin O. Reischauer Professor of Japanese Politics, and Director, WCFIA Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, Harvard University

Professor Pharr has published extensively on Japanese democracy, civil society, media, and foreign policy from comparative and global perspectives. She is the author of *Political Women in Japan* (California, 1981) and *Losing Face: Status Politics in Japan* (California, 1990), and co-editor of *Media and Politics in Japan* (Hawaii, 1996), *Disaffected Democracies* (Princeton, 2000), and *The State of Civil Society in Japan* (Cambridge, 2003). At Harvard, she has served as Chair of the Government Department and the Associate Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. She is currently Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Asia Foundation; a Commissioner of the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission; and a member of the U.S. panel of the U.S.-Japan Conference on Cultural and Educational Interchange (CULCON). In 2008, the Japanese Government honored Professor Pharr with the Imperial Decoration of the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon, in recognition of her distinguished contributions to the study of Japan and U.S.-Japan relations.

Ichiro Fujisaki
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the United States of America

Ambassador Fujisaki has served as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the U.S. since June 2008. Prior to his current appointment, he served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Japan to the International Organizations in Geneva (2005-08), where he was also Chairman of the Executive Committee of UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). During his distinguished career, he has also served as Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs (including Prime Minister's personal representative (Sherpa) to the G-8 summit); Director-General for the North American Affairs Bureau; Minister, Embassy of Japan in Washington, D.C.; and Deputy Director-General for Asian Affairs. He has also held diplomatic posts in Jakarta, Paris (OECD), and London. Ambassador Fujisaki has been a research associate at the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) in London and has taught international relations at Sophia University in Tokyo.

Joseph S. Nye, Jr.
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**Surin Pitsuwan**  
Secretary General, Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)

Dr. Pitsuwan received his Ph.D. in Middle Eastern Studies from Harvard University. Prior to his distinguished career in public service, he taught at the Faculty of Political Science at Thammasat University. In 1986, he was elected as a Member of the Parliament (MP) in Thailand’s National Legislative Assembly. As an MP, Dr. Pitsuwan served as Minister of Foreign Affairs (1997-2001), and Chair of the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting, and the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) (1999-2000). During the 2000’s, he served as a member of the Commission on Human Security of the UN; International Labor Organization’s World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization; the “Wise Men Group” under the auspices of the Henri Dunant Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HDC) in Geneva; the Islamic Development Bank’s 1440A.H. (2020) Vision Commission; and the National Reconciliation Commission (NRC), charged with bringing peace and security back to Thailand’s deep south. Dr. Pitsuwan has also been a Deputy Leader of Thailand’s Democrat Party.

**May-Britt Stumbaum**  
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Dr. Stumbaum’s research interests focus on EU-China relations, European security, and dual-use technology transfer. She is the author of *NATO versus EU? Security Strategies for Europe* (DGAP-Schriften zur Internationalen Politik, 2005), *The European Union and China: Decision-Making in EU Foreign and Security Policy towards the People’s Republic of China* (DGAP Schriften zur Internationalen Politik, 2009), and co-editor of *Security Challenges in Times of Change* (DGAPBericht, 2007). Her articles have appeared in *Policy Brief, Internationale Politik, The International Spectator*, and in numerous edited volumes. During the 2008-09 academic year, Dr. Stumbaum was a Fritz Thyssen Fellow at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs (WCFIA) at Harvard. She is a President and Co-founder of Women in International Security Deutschland (WIIS.de), a German chapter of a U.S.-based NGO.

**Quansheng Zhao**  
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A specialist in international relations and comparative politics focusing on East Asia, Professor Zhao is the author of *Interpreting Chinese Foreign Policy: The Micro-Macro Linkage Approach* (Oxford, 1996; winner of the Best Academic Book Award by the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Korea), and *Japanese Policymaking: The Politics behind Politics* (Oxford, 1993; selected as an "Outstanding Academic Book" by *Choice* magazine), and co-editor of *Managing the China Challenge: Perspectives from the Globe* (Routledge, 2009). His articles have appeared in *Asian Journal of Political Science, Asian Perspective, Journal of Strategic Studies, Pacific Focus, Pacific Review*, and many other journals and edited volumes. Professor Zhao’s books have been translated into Chinese, Japanese, and Korean. He has also testified on China’s economic development at the U. S. Congress, and served as a consultant for the United Nations. In 2009, he received the First Prize of the Sumiya Mikio Awards of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, for best essays published in Japanese Studies.
Kumiko Haba
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Professor Haba is Japan’s leading scholar of the politics and history of Central Europe, European Union, and regional integration in Asia and Europe. She is the author, editor, and translator of forty-five books. Among her single-authored books are *Kakudai yoroppa no chosen – amerika ni narabu tagenteki pawa-to naru ka* [The Challenge of Enlarged Europe: Does It Become a Multilateral Power beside the USA?] (Chuo Koron, 2nd ed., 2006), *Tougou yoroppa no minzoku mondai* [Nationality Questions in the Integrated Europe] (Kodansha Gendai Shinsho, 7th ed., 2005), and *Globalization to Oushu kakudai* [Globalization and the Enlarged EU] (Ochanomizu Shobo, 2nd edition, 2004). Her recent co-edited books include *The End of the Cold War and the Regional Integration in Europe and Asia* (Aoyama Gakuin, 2010); and *Asian Economic Development and Collaborative Relations among EU, Asia, and Japan* (Aoyama Gakuin, 2012). She currently serves as Vice Chair of the Council of East Asian Community (CEAC) and Vice President of the International Society for Asian Community (ISAC).