Harvard Symposium on Japanese Politics

Date: Wednesday, August 29, 2018
Location: Belfer Case Study Room (S020), Japan Friends of Harvard Concourse (lower level), CGIS South Building, 1730 Cambridge St., Cambridge, MA 02138
Convener: Daniel Smith, Associate Professor of Government, Harvard University

11:30-12:30  Lunch
Casual catered lunch in Porte Seminar Room (S250), 2nd fl., CGIS South Building

12:30-2:15  Panel 1: Making common sense of candidates and elections

Kenneth Mori McElwain (with Tomoko Matsumoto and Junko Kato): “Generational Differences in Japanese Attitudes towards the Political Economy”

Justin Reeves (with Yoshikuni Ono): “Gender Differences in Candidate Policy Priorities, Expertise, and Positions: Do Male and Female Office Seekers Represent Different Issues in Japan?”

Kiichiro Arai: “Did They Cheat on Candidates Surveys?”

Jochen Rehmert: “Behavioral Consequences of Open Candidate Recruitment”

Discussant: Steve Ansolabehere
Frank G. Thompson Professor of Government, Harvard University

2:30-4:15  Panel 2: Making common sense of clientelism and organized votes

Amy Catalinac (with Lucia Motolinia--Carballo): “Geographically-Targeted Spending under PR: Evidence from Japan and Mexico”

Axel Klein (with Levi McLaughlin): “Explaining Change in ‘Organized Votes’: The Case of the Japanese Lay Religion Sōka Gakkai”

Matthew Carlson: “Political Transparency and the 1975 Miki Reforms”

Rieko Kage (with Yusaku Horiuchi and Hiroto Katsumata): “Searching for Contributions by Moonlight: Politically Connected Firms in Japan”

Discussant: Pia Raffler
Assistant Professor of Government, Harvard University
4:30-6:00  Panel 3: Making common sense of political economy and policymaking

Kay Shimizu: “Fiscal Decentralization and the Plight of Local Governments”

Charles McLean: “Young Mayors and Municipal Fiscal Outcomes”

Phillip Lipsy: “From Leader to Villain: The Evolution of Japanese Energy and Climate Change Policy”

Discussant: Jeffry Frieden
Professor of Government, Harvard University

6:30-8:30  Dinner and Keynote Address
Harvard Faculty Club, 20 Quincy St., Cambridge, MA 02138

Keynote address by Steven R. Reed, Professor of Modern Government, Emeritus, Chuo University

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

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