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## 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), 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Lipsky: "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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