

Pacific Forum CSIS
Changing Notions of National Identity and their Implications for
U.S.-ROK-Japan Relations
Doubletree Alana Waikiki Hotel
May 4-5, 2008

AGENDA

MAY 3 - SATURDAY

18:30 **Welcoming Reception/Dinner** –*Pool Deck –Mezzanine Level*

MAY 4 - SUNDAY

8:30 **Continental Breakfast** – *Room 303 – 3rd floor meeting room*

9:00 **Project introduction** - *Room 303 – 3rd floor meeting room*
Brad Glosserman and Scott Snyder

9:15 **Session I:** Changing Conceptions of National Identity in Japan
Presenter: Brad Glosserman

This session presents preliminary findings from research regarding conceptions of national identity in Japan and its impact on domestic politics. Are notions of national identity in Japan changing? If so, how? How is the process playing out in domestic politics? Are national identity issues becoming more prominent in post-Cold War Japan? Why?

10:30 **Break**

10:45 **Session 2:** Changing Conceptions of National Identity and the
U.S.-Japan Alliance
Presenter: Brad Glosserman
Discussant: Kuni Miyake

The session examines whether changing conceptions of national identity in Japan influence relations with the U.S. and if so, how? Key questions include: What is the role of U.S.-Japan relations in Japan's domestic politics? How is domestic politics influencing Japanese views of alliance with the United States? What are "hot-button" issues related to identity in Japanese politics that relate to the U.S.-Japan alliance? How important are these issues in Japan's domestic politics? How do national identity issues impact Japanese foreign policy generally?

12:00 **Lunch**– *J Bistro –Lobby Level*

MAY 4 – SUNDAY (cont'd.)

13:30 **Session 3:** Changing Conceptions of National Identity in the ROK
Presenter: Scott Snyder
Discussant: Hong Kyu-dok

This session presents preliminary findings from research regarding conceptions of national identity in South Korea and its impact on domestic politics. Are notions of national identity in South Korea changing? If so, how? How is the process playing out in domestic politics? Are national identity issues becoming more prominent in post-Cold War South Korea? Why?

14:45 **Break**

15:00 **Session 4:** Changing Conceptions of National Identity
and the U.S.-ROK Alliance
Presenter: Scott Snyder
Discussant: Park Yong-ok or Koo Bon-hak

The session examines whether changing conceptions of national identity in South Korea influence relations with the U.S. and if so, how? Key questions include: What is the role of U.S.-ROK relations in South Korean domestic politics? How is domestic politics influencing South Korean views of alliance with the United States? What are “hot-button” issues related to identity in Korean politics that relate to the U.S.-ROK alliance? How important are these issues in ROK domestic politics? How do national identity issues impact South Korean foreign policy generally?

16:15 **Break**

16:30 **Session 5:** Japan-ROK Relations: the Role of the Other
Japan presenter: Tetsuo Kotani
ROK presenter: Kim Ho-sup

This session looks at Japan-ROK relations. What are key factors influencing this bilateral relationship? Does national identity play a role? How? How has the bilateral relationship figured in each country’s domestic politics? Why? Are these issues rising or falling in each country’s domestic politics? What can be done to minimize the negative impacts of these issues on their bilateral relationship?

17:45 **Adjourn**

18:30 **Dinner**

MAY 5 - MONDAY

8:30 **Continental Breakfast** – Room 303 – 3rd floor meeting room

MAY 5 – MONDAY(cont'd)

9:00 **Session 6:** North Korea and South Korean Foreign Policy
Presenter: Kwon Manhak
Discussant: Takuya Iwamoto

What is the role of inter-Korean relations in shaping South Korean conceptions of national identity? How will changes in inter-Korean relations shape ROK relations with Japan and the United States? How does this affect the Six-Party Talks? Relations with China? How does it affect discussions of a Northeast Asian security framework?

10:30 **Break**

10:45 **Session 7:** Future Prospects for U.S.-Japan-ROK Coordination:
US Presenter: James Schoff
South Korea presenter: Park Sun-won
Japan presenter: Akio Miyajima

This session focuses on the future of U.S.-Japan-ROK relations. What is the ideal state of trilateral relations? What is the scope of possible cooperation? On North Korea? What is China's relation to trilateral cooperation? What inhibits realization of that relationship? Is there a role for the U.S. in the ROK-Japan relationship? What is the impact of changes in national identity in each country on the prospects for trilateral cooperation? What can be done to realize this goal?

12:15 **Wrap up and Next Steps**

13:00 **Lunch**

6:30 **Free Evening**