

10:30-12:00 **Session III: Domestic Politics**

3A [Japanese presenter: Toshihiro Nakayama]: How do Japanese assess the state of US politics? What has been the impact of US elections on foreign policy? What are the prospects for resolving the gridlock in Washington? How do Japanese assess the new US foreign policy team?

3B [US presenter: Torkel Patterson]: How do Americans assess the state of Japanese politics? What has been the impact of the December elections in Japan? What is the meaning and significance of the Osprey protests in Japan?

12:00-1:30PM Lunch *(Skyline Room A, 21st Floor)*

1:30-3:00PM **Session IV: The Return of Geoeconomics**

US Presenter: Charles Morrison

Japan Presenter: Yoshiji Nogami

This session explores each country's understanding of the role of economics in influencing regional dynamics and the institutions that shape economic interactions. Is there a tension between economic relations and security partnerships? How does each country prioritize transpacific institutions with those in its own region (i.e., the ASEAN Plus Three and NAFTA in relation to APEC)? Is there a tension between them? How does each country assess of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), APEC, the Comprehensive Economic Partnership of East Asia (CEPEA), and APEC? Should Japan consider tighter ties to the US as suggested at last year's meeting?

3:00-3:15PM Break

3:15-5:00PM **Session V: National Security Policies and Strategic Cooperation**

Japan Presenter: Takashi Kawakami

US Presenter: Evans Revere

This session focuses on implementation of the two countries' national security policies - the "rebalance" and the National Defense Program Guidelines - and their implications for the alliance. Has the rebalance proceeded as anticipated? What problems have arisen? Has the US deterrent been impacted by regional developments? How? How has Japan implemented "dynamic deterrence?" How have efforts to improve jointness and maneuverability proceeded? What more needs to be done? How does each side assess strategic cooperation and the review of US-Japan defense cooperation, in particular? What could be the new elements for the revised, if any, the Guidelines for Japan-US Defense Cooperation? What more can be done to make such efforts more effective? Can the two countries agree on a vision for alliance cooperation? What is it? Are there opportunities for trilateral security cooperation with South Korea and US? What limits such cooperation? What can be done to remedy these limitations?

5:00-5:30PM **Session VI: Wrap up and conclusions**

Final thoughts with special emphasis on how to make the 20th seminar a landmark event.

6:30PM Reception/Dinner at Consul General Hiroshi Inomata's Residence