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He has worked on US policy on Asia Pacific economic, diplomatic, and security matters for almost three decades and has held senior positions in the Senate, House, and executive branch. He also holds experience working in think tanks, the private sector and as an entrepreneur. He is also a Distinguished Senior Fellow at Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA, where he previously worked as Director of US-Japan Programs and Senior Fellow from 2011-2018, successfully developing and leading a multi-year expansion and upgrade of the organization, supporting its rise as a player in US-Japan relations.

Previously, he worked as Senior Staff on the House Foreign Affairs Committee where he handled Asia Pacific and global environmental issues and as Special Assistant for Asian and Pacific Affairs for the Chairman of the US Senate Finance Committee and Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. He has been an International Affairs Fellow in Japan with the US Council on Foreign Relations and Senior Advisor at the international law and lobbying firm, Reed Smith. He was also Senior Advisor to the head of the regulatory agency that oversaw the multi-trillion dollar US secondary mortgage market, working to remedy Fannie Mae's accounting irregularities and replacing the company's senior executives. During the 2008 Presidential campaign, he worked as a member of Advisory Group on Asian affairs for the Obama campaign.



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Kent E. CALDER

Kent Calder serves as Vice Dean of Faculty Affairs and International Research Cooperation and Director of the Edwin O. Reischauer Center for East Asian Studies. Before arriving at Johns Hopkins SAIS in 2003, Calder taught for 20 years at Princeton University and four

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Naoyuki HARAOKA

Executive Managing Director

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Mr. Naoyuki Haraoka has been Executive Managing Director of the Japan Economic Foundation (JEF) since 2007. After graduating the University of Tokyo in 1978 (Bachelor of Economics), he joined MITI (Ministry of International Trade and Industry) of Japanese government. Having been posted in the industrial policy section and the international trade policy section for a few years, he was enrolled in a two year MPA (Master of Public Administration) programme at Woodrow Wilson School of Princeton University in the US on a Japanese government sponsorship. After having acquired MPA at Princeton, he rejoined MITI in 1984 as an economist. Since then he had been posted as Deputy Director and Director of a number of MITI divisions including Research Division of International Trade Policy Bureau. He was also posted in Paris twice, firstly, Principal Economist of Trade Bureau of OECD (Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development) from 1988 to 92 and secondly Counselor to Japanese Delegation of OECD from 1996 to 99. After coming back to MITI from his second stay in Paris, at the occasion of the government structural reform in 2001 when MITI was remodeled as METI (Ministry of Economy Trade and Industry) he joined the efforts to found METI research institute, Research Institute of Economy Trade and Industry as its Director of Administration. He became Chief Executive Director of JETRO San Francisco in 2003 and stayed in San Francisco until 2006. He was Director-General of METI Training Institute from 2006 until July, 2007 when he left METI permanently.



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Ms. Yoriko Kawaguchi is Visiting Professor at Musashino University, and Fellow at the Musashino Institute for Global Affairs. She also is Distinguished Fellow of Tokyo Foundation for Policy Research. Prior to this, Ms. Kawaguchi was Professor at Meiji University and the Meiji Institute for Global Affairs from 2013 to 2018; Member of the House of Councilors (Upper House, elected) for the Liberal Democratic Party from 2005 to 2013; Special Adviser to the Prime Minister of Japan on foreign affairs from 2004 to 2005; Minister for Foreign Affairs from 2002 to 2004 and Minister of the Environment from 2000 to 2002. Ms. Kawaguchi received Master of Philosophy in Economics from Yale University and BA in International Relations from Tokyo University. Ms. Kawaguchi was awarded the Order of the Grand Cordon of the Rising Sun in May 2017, Star of Jerusalem by Palestinian National Authority in October 2010 and Wilbur Cross Medal by Yale University in October 2008. Ms. Kawaguchi co-edited and co-authored a book titled, *Future View of the Asia-Pacific – Networked Hegemony* (Tokyo: Chuokeizai-sha, Inc.) published in Japanese in August 2017. It is on the question of whether Asia-Pacific can thrive peacefully in coming years with a focus on the "actors" to lead the regional order and the "structure."



Kazumasa KUSAKA

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Mr. Kazumasa Kusaka has been Chairman and CEO of the Japan Economic Foundation (JEF) since April 1, 2013, and is also a Professor at University of Tokyo Graduate School of Public Policy. He previously served for 36 years in Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), rising to become vice-minister for international affairs in the reorganized Ministry of Economy, Trade and

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Kenneth I. LEVINSON

Ken Levinson serves as the Executive Director of the Washington International Trade Association (WITA). WITA is Washington's largest non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to providing a neutral forum in the U.S. capital for the open and robust discussion of international trade policy and economic issues. WITA and its affiliated groups have over 5,000 members, and more than 160 corporate sponsors and group memberships.

Ken has over 25 years of experience working with companies, associations, NGOs and governments, advocating innovative solutions to complex public policy challenges. Over the years, Ken has worked with clients in the technology, telecommunications, bio-pharmaceuticals, agriculture and food, financial services, retail, apparel, energy, and consumer products sectors.

Previously, Ken served as Senior Director for Global Government Affairs for AstraZeneca. Prior to joining AstraZeneca, Ken served as Senior Vice President and COO at the Washington, DC consulting firm of Fontheim International. Ken joined Fontheim after spending six years on the staff of U.S. Senator John D. (Jay) Rockefeller IV. Ken advised the Senator on foreign policy and national security matters, and served as the Senator's chief advisor on the U.S. Senate Finance Committee, dealing with issues related to

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Ken received his Master's Degree from New York University after doing his undergraduate work at the University of Massachusetts, in Amherst. Ken also spent a year studying at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark. Ken and his wife, the Reverend Donna Marsh, live in Bethesda, MD, with their two daughters.



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He is a political scientist known for his work on the rise of populism and the crisis of liberal democracy. Born in Germany to Polish parents, Yascha received his BA in History from Trinity College, Cambridge, and his PhD in Government from Harvard University. He is now an Associate Professor of the Practice of International Affairs at Johns Hopkins University, where he holds appointments in both the School of Advanced International Studies and the Agora Institute. Yascha is also a Senior Advisor at Protect Democracy, a Senior Fellow at New York University's Reiss Center on Law and Security, and a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations. His third and most recent book, "The People vs Democracy: Why Our Freedom is In Danger and How to Save It," has been translated into ten languages and recognized as a "Best Book of 2018" by the Financial Times and other publications.



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Currently, he is also Chair of the Public Interest Commission of the Cabinet Office, a member of the Legislative Council of the Ministry of Justice and Chair of the Sub-committee on Economic Laws of Nippon Keidanren. He has been Vice Chair of International Investment and Responsible Business Conduct Committee of OECD-BIAC (Business at OECD) since 2007. Previously, he served as a member of the Council for Regulatory Reform of the Cabinet Office, the Environmental Council of the Ministry of the Environment, METI Industrial Structure Council's Sub-committee on Unfair Trade Policies and Chair of the Sub-committee on Global Environment of Nippon Keidanren.

His publication includes: “Is the WTO dispute settlement mechanism important to business?”, in *The WTO in the Twenty-first Century: Dispute Settlement, Negotiations, and Regionalism in Asia* (Yasuhei Taniguchi, Alan Yanovich and Jan Bohanes eds., Cambridge University Press 2007).



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He previously served as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs from 2014 to 2016, when he performed the duties of Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. Prior to 2014, Ambassador Shear served for 32 years in the US Foreign Service, most recently as the US Ambassador to Vietnam. He has also served in Sapporo, Beijing, Tokyo, and Kuala Lumpur. In Washington, Ambassador Shear has served in the Offices of Japanese, Chinese, and Korean Affairs and as the Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Political Affairs. He was Director of the Office of Chinese and Mongolian Affairs in 2008-2009 and served as Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs in 2009-2011. Ambassador Shear was a Rusk Fellow at Georgetown University's Institute for the Study of Diplomacy from 1998-1999. He is the recipient of the State Department's Superior Honor Award and the Defense Department's Civilian Meritorious Service Award for his work in US-Japan defense relations.

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