



## **THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN IN A GLOBALIZING WORLD**

### **Japan Economic Foundation: Japan-US Forum 2019**

May 17, 2019, SAIS BOB Building Room 500,  
1717 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

#### **Opening**

##### **9:00 to 9:30 Conceptual Introduction**

**Kazumasa KUSAKA**, Chairman and Chief Executive Office, JEF

**Kent E. CALDER**, Vice Dean for Faculty Affairs and International  
Research Cooperation, Johns Hopkins University (SAIS)

#### **9:30-12:00 Session I: Domestic and International Transformations**

##### **9:30-10:30 Panel I: Emerging Geopolitical Risks**

This session would consider major looming uncertainties in global affairs, with special emphasis on political-military dimensions, but with some attention to their economic antecedents. Issues considered detail would include tensions in the Middle East, the Korean peninsula, and the energy sea lanes between Northeast Asia and the Persian Gulf, as well as the geopolitical implications of China's Belt and Road program.

#### **Moderators:**

**Kent E. CALDER**, Vice Dean, Johns Hopkins University (SAIS)

#### **Speakers on US Side:**

- (1) **David SHEAR**, McLarty Associates. Recent US Assistant Secretary of Defense for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, as well as US Ambassador to Vietnam.
- (2) **Hal BRANDS**, Henry A. Kissinger Distinguished Professor of Global Affairs at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). Former Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Strategic Planning

**Speaker on Japan Side:**

**Yoriko KAWAGUCHI**, Visiting Professor, Musashino University, Distinguished Fellow, the Tokyo Foundation for Policy Research; and former Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan

**10:30-10:45 Coffee Break**

**10:45 to 12:00 Panel II: Domestic Transformations**

This session would consider first the technological changes implicit in the Fourth Industrial Revolution, such as IoT, AI, and Big Data, together with an assessment of their political-economic implications. Particular emphasis would be placed on the employment and income implications of these technical changes, especially the intensification of unemployment and income inequality that they imply, as well as the populist backlash. The political and economic policy consequences of that backlash would also be considered, including implications for the impending 2020 Presidential elections in the United States.

**Moderator:**

**Naoyuki HARAOKA**, Executive Managing Director, JEF

**Speakers on US Side:**

- (1) **Yascha MOUNK**, SAIS/Johns Hopkins University. Formerly Lecturer on Government, Harvard University; and Commentator, *the Wall Street Journal*.
- (2) **Daniel BOB**, Senior Fellow, Reischauer Center, SAIS; and former Legislative Assistant to Senator William Roth, Chairman, US Senate Finance Committee.

**Speaker on Japan Side:**

**Naoyuki YOSHINO**, Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute; and Professor Emeritus, Keio University



**12:00- 13:45 Luncheon Speaker**

**"The AI context of Future US-Japan Relations"**

@SAIS Herter Room 1740 Massachusetts Avenue N.W.

**James SHINN**

Former Assistant Secretary of Defense for East Asian and Pacific Affairs;  
and Technological Entrepreneur

**14:00 to 16:00 Session II: Toward Stronger, Rule-Based Globalization**

This session, building on the findings of the previous panel, would focus on prospects for constructing a rule-based system for ordering world economic affairs, which is at the same time sensitive to emerging political-economic realities in key nations, including the United States and Japan. Special attention would be given to how intellectual property could be protected, and to how the US-Japan-China relationship could be stabilized.

**Moderator:**

**Joshua WHITE**, Associate Professor, SAIS/Johns Hopkins University; and former Director for South Asian Affairs, US National Security Council.

**Speakers on US Side:**

- (1) **Jacob M. SCHLESINGER**, Senior correspondent in *the Wall Street Journal* Washington Bureau, covering trade and globalization.
- (2) **Kenneth I. LEVINSON**, Executive Director, Washington International Trade Association

**Speaker on Japan Side:**

**Soichiro SAKUMA**, Senior Advisor to CEO, Nippon Steel Corporation

**Closing Session.**

**16:00 to 16:15**

**Kazumasa KUSAKA**, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, JEF

**Kent CALDER**, Vice Dean, Johns Hopkins University (SAIS)

**Cocktail Reception**