

University of British Columbia
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presents

Conference on Future of National Security/National Defense of Japan



Prime Minister Shinzo Abe

http://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/96_abe/actions/201301/11kaiken.html

On July 1, 2014, the Japanese cabinet under Prime Minister Shinzo Abe made a decision to reinterpret article 9 of the Constitution of Japan, which renounced war power and prohibited armed forces in Japan. This is a radical departure from the past interpretation which totally denied the right of collective self-defense and it opened windows for Japan to assert the right of collective self-defense under certain circumstances. What is the background for this reinterpretation? Was this reinterpretation really necessary? Was it constitutional? What will be the likely impacts of this reinterpretation? What will be the future of the national security/national defense policy of Japan? How does this reinterpretation affect other Asian nations?

By inviting three experts, this conference will explore the future of national security/national defense and the constitution in Japan together with its affect on Asia.

Date: Monday, March 2, 2015

Forum: University of British Columbia, Institute of Asian Research (IAR)

Room 120, C.K. Choi Building, 1855 West Mall, Vancouver B.C. Canada

Time 1:30-5:00

Speakers

Professor Asaho Mizushima, Waseda University, Faculty of Law

Professor Masayuki Tadokoro, Keio University, Faculty of Law

Professor Brian Job, University of British Columbia, Department of Political Science &
Institute of Asian Research

Discussant

Mr. Joseph Caron, former ambassador to Japan, Honorary Professor, Institute of Asian Research

Schedule:

1:30-1:40 Welcome and introduction	Professor Shigenori Matsui
1:40-2:20 Questioning its Constitutionality: From the perspective of constitutional lawyer	Professor Asaho Mizushima
2:20-3:00 Security implications of the reinterpretation; From the perspective of international politics:	Professor Masayuki Tadokoro
3:00-3:15 break	
3:15-3:55 Effects on Other Asian Countries: From the perspective of expert on Asian security	Professor Brian Job
3:55-4:05 discussant's comment	Mr. Joseph Caron
4:05-5:00 Free discussion	

Admission Free (light refreshment will be served)

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