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“Post-Summit Evaluation: The United States, Japan and Southeast Asia”

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901 17th St NW, Washington, DC 20006**

Program Agenda

- 3:00-3:30 Registration
- 3:30-3:35 Welcome & Introduction
Ambassador James P. Zumwalt
CEO, Sasakawa USA
- 3:35-4:35 Presentations and Discussion
- Dr. Patricio Abinales**
Professor, Asian Studies Program, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- Dr. Kei Koga**
Assistant Professor at the Public Policy and Global Affairs Programme, Nanyang Technological University
- Dr. Alexander Vuving**
Professor, Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies
- Ms. Colin Willet**
Senior Associate (Non-resident), Southeast Asia Program, CSIS
Former Southeast Asia Director at the National Security Council
- Moderator:
Dr. Satu Limaye
Director, East-West Center in Washington
- 4:35-5:00 Audience Q&A
- 5:00 Adjourn

Speaker Bios



Dr. Patricio “Jojo” Abinales is a Professor with the Asian Studies Program at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Previously, he was a visiting scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington DC, where he did research on the political economy of U.S. economic assistance in Muslim Mindanao.

Dr. Abinales grew up in the northern side of the Philippine island of Mindanao. He graduated with a degree in History at the University of the Philippines-Diliman (UP) and worked at UP for nine years as research associate and lecturer. In 1988, he was awarded the Cornell University Southeast Asia Program Fellowship for Southeast Asians and headed to Ithaca, New York to pursue graduate studies in Government and Asian Studies under the supervision of Benedict R’OG Anderson. He completed his PhD in 1997, and while writing the second half of his dissertation was hired as assistant professor at Ohio University’s Department of Political Science.

In 1999, Dr. Abinales moved to the Center for Southeast Asian Studies in Kyoto University. At Kyoto, Jojo and his late wife Donna J. Amoroso, co-managed the Kyoto Review of Southeast Asia, a multi-lingual, on-line journal that simultaneously translates essays and reviews in Bahasa-Indonesia, Chinese (Mandarin), English, Filipino (Tagalog), Japanese, Korean and Thai, and does not charge any subscription fee. It remains the only one its kind in Southeast Asian studies.

Dr. Abinales is currently working on three research projects: the puzzle of American popularity among Muslim Filipinos; violence and the fraternity system in post-war Philippines; and rodent infestation and state-society relationship in the southern Philippines. He is the Southeast Asia editor of the journal *Critical Asian Studies*, and is a member of the editorial boards of the *Asian Journal of Political Science*, the *Asia-Pacific Social Science Journal*, the *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*, and *Philippine Studies*. He is also a member of the Southeast Asia Council of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS).



Dr. Kei Koga is Assistant Professor at the Public Policy and Global Affairs Programme, School of Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University (NTU). His current research focuses on IR theory, International Security, International Institutions, and East Asian security, including transformation of U.S.-bilateral security networks and ASEAN-led institutions.

Previously, he was visiting fellow at Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in 2017; a Japan-U.S. Partnership Fellow at the Research Institute for Peace and Security (RIPS), Tokyo, in 2012-2014; Postdoctoral Fellow in the International Studies Program, The Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School, in 2012-2013; a Vasey Fellow at the Pacific Forum CSIS in 2009–2010; and RSIS-MacArthur visiting associate fellow at S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), NTU in 2010.

He has published on topics that include East Asian security, U.S. and Japanese foreign policies, the U.S.-Japan alliance, and ASEAN. His recent publication includes a book "Reinventing Regional Security Institutions in Asia and Africa" (Routledge 2017); "The Rise of China and Japan's Balancing Strategy" (*Journal of Contemporary China*, vol. 25, no. 101, 2016); and "The Yasukuni question: histories, logics, and Japan–South Korea relations" (*The Pacific Review*, vol. 29, no. 3, 2016).

Dr. Koga received his Masters from George Washington University and his Ph.D. in International Relations at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University.



Dr. Satu Limaye is Director of the East-West Center in Washington. He is also a Senior Advisor at the CNA Corporation, a non-profit research and analysis organization located in Arlington, VA. He is the creator and director of the Asia Matters for America initiative, an interactive resource for credible, non-partisan information, graphics, analysis and news on US-Asia Pacific relations and the national, state and local levels; Founding Editor of the Asia-Pacific Bulletin series, an editor of the journal Global Asia and on the international advisory council of the journal Contemporary Southeast Asia.

Dr. Limaye publishes and speaks on U.S.-Asia relations and is a reviewer for numerous publications, foundations and fellowship programs. Previously, he was a Research Staff Member of the Strategy and Resources Division at the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA) and Director of Research and Publications at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS), a direct reporting unit of U.S. Pacific Command.

He has been an Abe Fellow at the National Endowment for Democracy and a Henry Luce Scholar and Research Fellow at the Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA) in Tokyo. He is a magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Georgetown University and received his doctorate from Oxford University (Magdalen College) where he was a George C. Marshall Scholar.



Ms. Colin Willett is an experienced foreign policy professional with over 17 years of experience working at the White House, State Department, and Intelligence Community on political, economic, and security issues in East Asia.

In the Obama administration, she served for nearly four years as Southeast Asia director at the National Security Council. In that role, she set the agenda for the president's engagement with the region's premier political and security forums, directed the interagency coordination process on South China Sea policy, and shaped new strategic partnerships with Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam. She also led the interagency team to revamp the administration's Myanmar policy during that country's political transition and served as the substantive lead in setting the agenda for the president's annual participation in the East Asia Summit.

Ms. Willett also served as senior adviser and deputy assistant secretary for multilateral affairs and the South China Sea in the Department of State's East Asia and Pacific Affairs Bureau. As deputy assistant secretary, she led the department's participation in key Asian multilateral organizations, including the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the East Asia Summit, oversaw the development and implementation of new assistance programs aimed at deepening U.S. economic ties to the new ASEAN Community, and helped orchestrate the first ever U.S.-ASEAN Summit hosted in the United States at Sunnylands. She drove the development of the State Department's maritime security strategies, led efforts to build international coalitions on key issues including freedom of navigation, and managed the department's responses to incidents and crises in the South China Sea.

Ms. Willett began her public service as an analyst at the Central Intelligence Agency. She holds a M.A. in economics from Tufts University and a B.A. in economics from the College of William and Mary.



Dr. Alexander L. Vuving is a Professor at the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies. He arrived at the center in July 2008 from Tulane University, where he taught courses on International Relations, International Security, China and the World, and a field seminar in International Politics. Prior to Tulane, Dr. Vuving was a Research Fellow and an Associate of Harvard University's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at the Kennedy School of Government. He was also a Visiting Research Fellow at the Rajaratnam School of International Studies in Singapore.

Dr. Vuving's research interests cut across International Relations, Comparative Politics, and Historical Sociology. His major areas of research range from functional topics such as the Sources of State Behavior, the Making of Grand Strategic Change, and the Workings of Soft Power, to regional issues such as Asian Security, the Rise of China, and Vietnamese Politics.

He has published in major scholarly journals and presented at leading universities and think tanks around the world. Dr. Vuving serves on the Editorial Board of *Asian Politics and Policy*, a journal of the Policy Studies Organization, and is a referee for Oxford University Press, *International Security*, and *Asian Security*, among others. He is the guest editor of a special issue on "How China's Rise is Changing Asia's Landscape and Seascape" for *Asian Politics and Policy*.

Dr. Vuving studied Political Science, Economics, Sociology, and Electronic Engineering at Cornell University, the Johannes Gutenberg University, and the Budapest University of Technology. He received his master of arts (summa cum laude) in Political Science, Sociology, and Economics, and his doctor's degree (magna cum laude) in Political Science from the Johannes Gutenberg University, Germany. He was a German National Merit scholar and a recipient of the prestigious Konrad Adenauer Foundation scholarship.



Ambassador James P. Zumwalt became Chief Executive Officer of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA in February 2017. Ambassador Zumwalt was the United States Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal and the Republic of Guinea Bissau from 2015 to January 2017. Previously, he was responsible for policy toward Japan and Korea as Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of East Asia Affairs. When the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami struck Japan in 2011, Ambassador Zumwalt was serving as Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, where he coordinated the United States' support for the Japanese

Government's response to that crisis.

During his 36-year Foreign Service career, Ambassador Zumwalt has served in a variety of assignments with a focus on Asia and international economics in Washington, Tokyo, Beijing, Kinshasa, Dakar, and Bissau. In Washington, D.C., he worked in the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs Japan, Korea, and Philippines desks and also at the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs and the United States Trade Representative's Office. He speaks Japanese, French, and some Chinese.

Ambassador Zumwalt received a master's degree in International Security Studies from the National War College in 1998 and a Bachelor of Arts degree in American History and also in Japanese Language from the University of California at Berkeley in 1979. He is from El Cajon, California and is married to Ann Kambara, a retired Foreign Service Officer who is now pursuing a second career in social work.