

Nuclear Balancing Act in Japan After 2018

Wednesday, September 13th
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Second Floor Conference Room
Center for Strategic and International Studies
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Agenda

Welcome and Introduction

Sharon Squassoni, *Director and Senior Fellow, Proliferation Prevention Program, CSIS*

Opening Remarks

Masakatsu Ota, *Senior/Editorial Writer, Kyodo News*

Presentations and Panel Discussion

Speakers:

Masashi Adachi, *Member, House of Councillors, Liberal Democratic Party*

Seiji Ohsaka, *Member, House of Representatives, Democratic Party*

Thomas Countryman, *Former Acting Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security*

Jon Wolfsthal, *Senior Advisor, Global Zero, and Fellow, Harvard University's Managing the Atom Project*

Moderator:

Sharon Squassoni

Q&A

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Speaker Biographies

Masakatsu Ota, Senior /Editorial Writer, Kyodo News

Dr. Ota reports on a variety of nuclear issues, non-proliferation issues and the U.S.-Japan security relationship. He is also a visiting Professor of Waseda University and Nagasaki University. Dr. Ota is the author of eight Japanese books on nuclear and security issues. He recently published *Nichibei Kaku Domei* (US-Japan 'Nuclear' Alliance). Ota was awarded the Vaughn-Uyeda Prize in April 2007 for his investigations into the history of the U.S.-Japan security relationship, the history of the Second World War and his series of scoops on U.S. nuclear policy. He was also awarded the Peace Cooperative Journalist Fund Prize in December 2009 for his investigative reports into the secret U.S.-Japan nuclear deal during the Cold War. Dr. Ota received a B.A. in political science from Waseda University and a Doctorate from the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies in Tokyo in 2010.

Masashi Adachi, Member, House of Councillors, Liberal Democratic Party

Mr. Adachi is a member of the House of Councillors in Japan, and is currently the Director of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defense. Within the Liberal Democratic Party he holds the position of Director of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defense. He was first elected to the House of Councillors in 2014 and now is in his second term. Before that he worked as a Counsel in Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, and also served as executive staff to Shinji Sato, a Member of the House of Representatives. Previously, Mr. Adachi also taught and held a number of research positions at Nihon University and the University of Tokyo. He graduated from the University of Tokyo in 1983 and obtained his MCJ in 1992 and LLM in 1993 from the New York University School of Law, where he was an editor of the Journal of International Law and Politics.

Seiji Ohsaka, Member of House of Representatives, Democratic Party

Mr. Seiji Ohsaka is a member of the House of Representatives in the Japanese Diet (National Legislature) and he is presently serving his third term. His current government positions are: Member, Special Committee for Investigation of Nuclear Power Issues; Director, Standing Committee on Judicial Affairs; Member, Standing Committee on Internal Affairs and Communications. He was first elected in September 2005 and held positions in the Hatoyama and Kan Administrations through 2009 to 2011, including in the Prime Minister's Office. He served three terms as the Mayor of Niseko Town in Hokkaido before being elected to the Diet.

Thomas M. Countryman, Former Acting Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security

Mr. Thomas Countryman retired from the Senior Foreign Service on January 31, 2017, after 35 years of service. During that time, he served simultaneously as acting Undersecretary for Arms Control and International Security and as Assistant Secretary for International Security and Nonproliferation (ISN), a position he held since September 2011. The ISN Bureau leads the U.S. effort to prevent the spread of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons, their related materials, and their delivery systems. Prior to his position as Assistant Secretary, he served as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Political Military Affairs, Deputy Assistant Secretary for European Affairs, and as the Foreign Policy Advisor to the Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Jon Wolfsthal, Senior Advisor, Global Zero, and Fellow, Harvard University's Managing the Atom Project

Mr. Wolfsthal is a Senior Advisor at Global Zero and a Fellow at Harvard University's Managing the Atom Project. He is a former Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs and Senior Director at the National Security Council for Arms Control and Nonproliferation. Before that, he was Deputy Director of the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey, CA. He joined the Martin Center after having served as Special Adviser to the Vice President for Nuclear Security and Nonproliferation and as a Director for Nonproliferation on the National Security Council from 2009 to 2012.

Sharon Squassoni, Director and Senior Fellow, Proliferation Prevention Program, CSIS

Ms. Sharon Squassoni is a senior fellow and director of the Proliferation Prevention Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). She joined the Center from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, where she was a senior associate in the Nuclear Nonproliferation Program. From 2002 to 2007, she advised Congress as a senior specialist in weapons of mass destruction at the Congressional Research Service (CRS), Library of Congress. She also served in the executive branch of government from 1992 to 2001, including in the Nonproliferation Bureau and the Political-Military Bureau at the Department of State and in the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.