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Message from the Director

The 2021-2022 academic year was another fruitful one for the Centre for the Study of Global Japan. Despite continuing disruptions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we held nine public events as part of our own seminar series, covering a diverse range of topics related to contemporary Japanese politics and foreign policy. We continue to expand our institutional partnerships, for example hosting joint events with colleagues at Dartmouth, University of British Columbia, and the Consulate General of Japan in Toronto. In addition, the Japanese Politics Online Seminar Series (JPOSS), a collaboration with faculty at Columbia, Dartmouth, Harvard, NYU, and Yale, has been thriving, establishing itself as the primary online venue for scholars to present research on contemporary Japan and receive professional development advice.



Phillip Lipsky “

The Initiative for Education Policy and Innovation will enrich the activities of the Centre by adding a new substantive focus on education policy, providing new opportunities for affiliates and students, and developing novel pedagogical approaches focused on the core mandates of the Centre.

A particularly exciting development for our Centre this year is the announcement of the Initiative for Education Policy and Innovation. This new initiative is supported by a generous lead gift by Richard and Satoko Ingram of the Newton Foundation and will be led by Professor Rie Kijima. The initiative is unique, both in terms of its substantive focus and its policy-oriented mission, and it will leverage our existing relationships with partners such as the Japanese government and Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. The initiative will enrich the activities of the Centre by adding a new substantive focus on education policy, providing new opportunities for affiliates and students, and developing novel pedagogical approaches focused on the core mandates of the Centre. We are deeply grateful to Richard and Satoko Ingram for their generosity and vision. You can read more about the initiative below.

For scholars and experts of Japan, the last two years brought unprecedented challenges. For much of the pandemic, travel to Japan became nearly impossible for non-citizens, hampering research, dialogue, and exchange. The impact was particularly pronounced for students and early-career scholars, the future bridgebuilders between Japan and the world. They often faced heartbreaking choices about reorienting the entire trajectory of their careers away from the country they had come to love.

In January of 2022, I was part of a group of scholars who submitted a public letter to the Japanese government urging a relaxation of the border measures to allow entry for students and researchers. We are deeply appreciative to our colleagues and friends in Japan who engaged with our effort and contributed to the gradual relaxation of the travel restrictions.

Our Centre has a spectacular group of enthusiastic student affiliates who contribute actively to our events, programming, and social media. If you are a U of T student interested in Japan, please consider joining us by reaching out to Mio Otsuka, our wonderful Events and Program Coordinator (csgj.munk@utoronto.ca). We would love to have you join our community!

In the coming year, we hope to conduct our programming in person with a hybrid set up to continue engaging with our expanding global audience. Wherever you are, we hope to see you soon at one of our events.

Phillip Lipsky
Director, CSGJ
July 2022

Program and Event Highlights

- September 21, 2021

Security in East Asia in Light of the Growing Influence of China and Current Japan-China Relations

TAKAHARA Akio (University of Tokyo) delivered a lecture on his research on the security in East Asia in light of the growing influence of China and current Japan-China relations. He was joined by Stephen Nagy (International Christian University) and Jonathan Berkshire Miller (Japan Institute of International Affairs) for discussions. This webinar was moderated by Deanna Horton (University of Toronto) and sponsored by the Consulate General of Japan in Toronto with opening remarks from Consul-General SASAYAMA Takuma.

[WATCH FULL WEBINAR.](#)



- October 27, 2021

Public Perceptions of Citizenship and Migration in Japan

Yujin Woo (Hitotsubashi University) delivered a lecture about her research on the perceptions of the Japanese public towards citizenship and migration. The talk also focused on the challenges currently affecting the Cabinet's response to migration, with the largest hurdle being the health and safety challenges incurred by the COVID-19 pandemic. Woo concluded the presentation with insights from her research that suggest a new, more open era in Japanese immigration policy, highlighting government planning and messaging as pivotal tools necessary to aid this transition.

[WATCH FULL WEBINAR.](#)



Program and Event Highlights

- October 29, 2021

Japan's Aging Peace: Pacifism and Militarism in the Twenty-First Century

Tom Le (Pomona College) delivered a talk about his recently published book "Japan's Aging Peace: Pacifism and Militarism in the Twenty-First Century." Le highlighted how Japan's higher education attainment is reducing the pool of potential recruits that would be needed for a militarized society. The talk concluded with remarks about how Japan will continue to stand in defiance of the "normal nation" narrative found in the international relations literature, and how normative security beliefs are fundamental to understanding the perspective of Japanese policymakers.

[WATCH FULL WEBINAR.](#)



- November 1, 2021

Navigating the Age of Disruption

An exciting panel of experts of both Japanese politics and foreign relations came together in an event aimed at navigating the "Age of Disruption" of Japan's current political environment. Following Joseph Caron's (Former Ambassador, Canada to Japan) opening remarks, Phillip Lipsy (University of Toronto), MIURA Mari (Sophia University), TAKENAKA Harukata (GRIPS) and Sheila Smith (Council on Foreign Relations) shared their insights. This event was co-sponsored by the Centre for Japanese Research at the University of British Columbia and moderated by Yves Tiberghien (University of British Columbia).

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Program and Event Highlights

- November 17, 2021

Changing Global Health Governance and Japan's Role

TAKUMA Kayo (Tokyo Metropolitan University), Tana Johnson (University of Wisconsin-Madison) and Yves Tiberghien (University of British Columbia) came together in an event to examine the changing landscape of global health governance and Japan's contributions. Panelists assessed the historical evolution of health cooperation and its relationship to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

This event was co-sponsored by the Consulate General of Japan in Toronto and moderated by Phillip Lipsky (University of Toronto), while opening remarks were delivered by Consul-General SASAYAMA Takuya.

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- January 27, 2022

China's Growing Power and a New Era for the US-Japan Alliance

This event was co-sponsored by the Initiative for Global Security at the John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding at Dartmouth College. A distinguished panel of U.S.-Japan relations experts including MORI Satoru (Hosei University), Andrew Oros (Washington College), HIKOTANI Takako (Gakushuin University) and Jennifer Lind (Dartmouth College) assembled to discuss "China's Growing Power and A New Era for the US-Japan Alliance." The webinar was moderated by Phillip Lipsky (University of Toronto).

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Program and Event Highlights

- February 10, 2022

Rights Make Might: Global Human Rights and Minority Social Movements in Japan

The Centre for the Study of Global Japan welcomed Kiyoteru Tsutsui (Stanford University) to deliver a talk about his book, "Rights Make Might: Global Human Rights and Minority Social Movements in Japan." Following the presentation, Tsutsui answered questions from the virtual audience about structural factors leading to policy changes in Japan, the occurrence of crimes against national minorities and the response these actions illicit, and the potential for transnational fights for human rights inspiring the activism of minority groups in Japan.

[WATCH FULL WEBINAR.](#)



- February 17, 2022

Gender and Voting Preferences in Japan, Britain, and the United States

Gill Steel (Doshisha University) delivered a talk about her book, "What Women Want: Voting Preferences in Japan, Britain, and the United States." She discussed several examples of how the visibility of women and political rhetoric can shape the way female voters are understood. For example, in the U.K., political ads often feature women, while in Japan they often display little to no female participation in the decision-making process. She also noted the use of symbolic politics to subvert the deeper need for understanding voters beyond their gender identity.



Program and Event Highlights

• March 21, 2022

Convergence or Divergence? Decoding the Indo-Pacific Strategies of Canada, Japan, the USA, and Europe

A distinguished panel of experts including FUKUSHIMA Akiko (The Tokyo Foundation for Policy Research), Kristi Govella (The German Marshall Fund of the United States), Nicolas Véron (Bruegel), and Johnathan Fried (Former Ambassador of Canada to Japan) discussed Indo-Pacific strategies and how varying regional policy approaches should be best understood. Commentary was provided by Yves Tiberghien (University of British Columbia) and Deanna Horton (University of Toronto) moderated this webinar. This event was co-sponsored by the Consulate General of Japan in Toronto and UBC.

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• May 18, 2022

Japan, the Indo-Pacific and Lessons for North America: Economic Security, Interdependence and Supply Chain Resilience

SUZUKI Kazuto (University of Tokyo) and Ulrike Schaeede (University of California San Diego), along with Deanna Horton (University of Toronto), came together to discuss economic security, interdependence and supply chain resilience. This webinar was co-hosted by the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada with opening remarks from Jeff Nankivell, President and CEO of APF Canada.

[WATCH FULL WEBINAR.](#)



JPOSS

The Japanese Politics Online Seminar Series (JPOSS) is a virtual forum to present and discuss research-in-progress on questions related to Japanese politics, broadly defined. We intend to build a community of students and scholars who seek to foster collaboration and scholarship on Japanese politics. The organizers of JPOSS are Amy Catalinac (New York University), Charles Crabtree (Dartmouth College), Christina L. Davis (Harvard University), Yusaku Horiuchi (Dartmouth College), Phillip Y. Lipsky (University of Toronto), Frances McCall Rosenbluth (Yale University), and Daniel M. Smith (Columbia University). Administrative support is provided by the staff of Harvard University's Program on U.S.-Japan Relations. Nicholas A. R. Fraser (University of California, Berkeley) and Jiajia Zhou (University of Toronto) write the event summaries.

JPOSS #18

THE FAILED RECONCILIATION BETWEEN NORTH KOREA AND JAPAN
- *Cana Kim (Louisiana State University)*

JPOSS #19

FRAMING THE CONVERSATION: THE US MILITARY AND ANTI-US-MILITARY ACTIVISM IN JAPAN
- *Charmaine Willis (University at Albany, SUNY)*

JPOSS #20

CAREER PATHS AND JOB MARKET STRATEGIES FOR JAPAN SCHOLARS

JPOSS #21

PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS: WILLINGNESS TO PAY FOR ONLINE CONSPIRACY THEORY CONTENT – EVIDENCE FROM JAPAN
- *John W. Cheng (Tsuda University), Masaru Nishikawa (Tsuda University), Ikuma Ogura (Georgetown University), Nicholas A. R. Fraser (University of California, Berkeley)*

JPOSS #22

EVOLVING LINKAGE STRATEGIES: THE RESILIENCE OF THE LDP-POSTMASTERS ALLIANCE
- *Daniel Koss (Harvard University)*

JPOSS

JPOSS #23

RETHINKING ENVIRONMENTAL MOBILIZATION: CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN POST FUKUSHIMA JAPAN
- *Pinar Temocin (Hiroshima University)*

JPOSS #24

OFFICIAL KNOWLEDGE OF FOREIGN RELATIONS LAW IN U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS
- *Ryan Scoville (Marquette University Law School)*

JPOSS #25

FIELD RESEARCH WHEN THERE'S LIMITED ACCESS TO THE FIELD: LESSONS FROM JAPAN

JPOSS #26

WINNING ELECTIONS WITH UNPOPULAR POLICIES: UNDERSTANDING SINGLE-PARTY DOMINANCE IN JAPAN
- *Shusei Eshima (Harvard University), Yusaku Horiuchi (Dartmouth College), Shiro Kuriwaki (Stanford University/Yale University), Daniel M. Smith (Columbia University)*

JPOSS #27

MASS REACTIONS TO ENDOGENOUS ELECTION TIMING: EVIDENCE FROM CONJOINT EXPERIMENTS IN JAPAN
- *Masaaki Higashijima (Tohoku University)*

JPOSS #28

REMEMBERING FRANCES MCCALL ROSENBLUTH: SCHOLAR, MENTOR, AND FRIEND

JPOSS #30

NATIONALLY PRIORITIZED MIGRANT GROUPS AND PUBLIC PERCEPTION: EVIDENCE FROM FRAMING AND CONJOINT EXPERIMENTS IN EAST ASIA
- *Yujin Woo (Hitotsubashi University)*

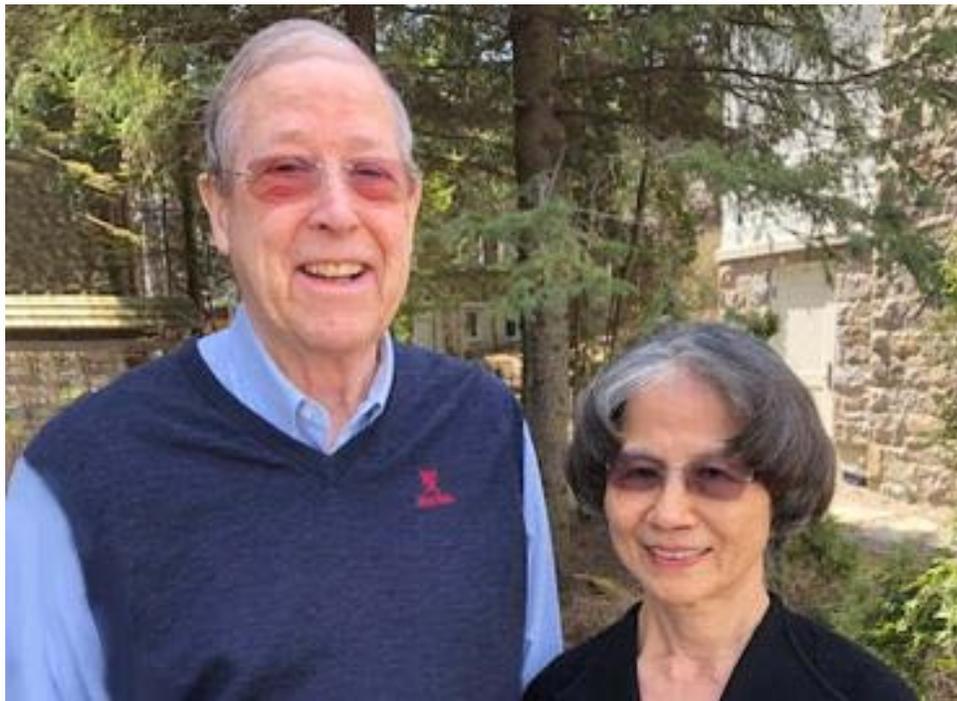
JPOSS #31

IDEOLOGICAL POSITIONS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR APPOINTMENTS
- *Jochen Rehmert (University of Zurich)*

Initiative for Education Policy and Innovation

The Newton Foundation, founded by U of T alumni Richard and Satoko Ingram, has pledged \$200,000 to help launch the Initiative for Education Policy and Innovation at the Centre for the Study of Global Japan, located at U of T's Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy. The new program aims to support education reform in Japan and beyond through the promotion of evidence-based policy initiatives with global impact.

"We are deeply appreciative to the Newton Foundation for their leadership in helping to spearhead this initiative," says Professor Phillip Lipsky, Director of the Centre for the Study of Global Japan. "This support will allow us to begin accelerating research, education and intellectual exchange to advance innovative solutions to contemporary policy challenges, with a particular focus on Japan. The goal of this initiative is to emphasize education and its role across the globe, in sustainable human development and equity and inclusion."



U of T alumni Richard and Satoko Ingram, founders of the Newton Foundation.
Photo credit: Courtesy of Richard and Satoko Ingram.

Since its establishment in 2017, the Centre for the Study of Global Japan has become an internationally recognized leader in research, teaching and public outreach on contemporary Japan. The Initiative for Education Policy and Innovation will expand the Centre's programming and strengthen its relationships with key stakeholders in Japan to further academic exchange and policy impact.

"The ideal time to roll out this initiative is now," says Professor Rie Kijima, who will serve as the project's inaugural director. "Japan is undergoing economic, social and political changes that impact the development of the education sector, affecting millions of children. It is the prime time to inform and institute education policy changes with long-term impact, and I'm grateful to Richard and Satoko Ingram for their support in realizing this vision."

The Ingrams are long-time supporters of their alma mater. Richard attended University of Toronto Schools for high school before enrolling at the Faculty of Arts & Science, earning his bachelor of arts in political science and economics in 1965 as a member of Trinity College. Satoko earned her master of social work from U of T in 1972. Since founding the Newton Foundation in 1999, which also supports academic nursing across Quebec, the Ingrams have made several generous donations to University of Toronto Schools and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. Their continued support of the University of Toronto stems from their shared passion for education and the impact that evidence-based pedagogical approaches can have on the lives of youths in Japan, says Satoko.

The Newton Foundation's pledge is a lead gift, marking the first donor contribution to the Initiative for Education Policy and Innovation. This will provide the Munk School with the funding needed to help launch and operate the initiative for two years while working to secure additional donor support. "With this initiative, we intend to support new research in education policy, new course offerings, a scholarship and fellowship program, conferences and exchanges, and more," says Kijima.

"As the new director of the Munk School, it brings me joy to see the profound generosity and commitment to education that the Newton Foundation's recent pledge signifies," says Professor Peter Loewen, who began his term as director on November 1. "This gift promises to galvanize education reform in Japan at a time when it is critically needed — and the impact won't stop there. By developing innovative policy solutions that can be applied in countries around the world, this initiative will effect positive change on a global scale."

Reflections from Our Affiliates



Rie Kijima

Professor Rie Kijima is an assistant professor at the Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy, University of Toronto. She is the inaugural director of the Initiative for Education Policy and Innovation.

The Initiative for Education Policy and Innovation officially launched in July 2022! We are excited for this new beginning and to implement new education programs in Japan.

The first of these exciting partnerships is with the City of Kyotango in Kyoto Prefecture. Over the next three years, we will co-design a human-centered learning module that will transform learning for middle and high school students. We will work closely with Kyotangoshi's Board of Education to implement this module and to measure its impact. In particular, we are interested in understanding how youths' civic self-efficacy, cultural awareness, and prosocial tendencies change as a result of participating in an empathy-based educational program. This research study has strong policy implications given that it is the first time a human-centered learning program is offered in public schools.

The second partnership is with the Okinawa Institute for Science and Technology Graduate School (OIST), one of the premier STEM graduate schools in Japan. The aim of this educational intervention is to empower the next generation of girl STEAM thinkers. Through an immersive three-day design thinking workshop, the youths will explore the intersection between innovation and sustainability through their interactions with faculty at OIST. Youths from different Ryuku Islands will be selected to participate in this program.

We are extremely grateful to Richard and Satoko Ingram for their support of the Initiative which has expanded our partnerships, helped diversity the participants, and provided support to advance our research.



Michael Wade Donnelly

Professor Emeritus
of Political Science and Dr. David Chu
Professor Emeritus of Asia Pacific Studies,
University of Toronto

Prime Minister Kishida's Grand Design

A recent study asserts that Capitalism, alone, will be the system that “rules the world.” (Branko Milanovic, *Capitalism Alone*). Capitalism has not lost its vitality. It delivers economic growth.

Another view is that Capitalism and free markets may deliver some growth but face a serious, multi-dimensional crisis (*Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, Vol. 37, No. 4).

What is still best? What's gone wrong? What can governments do? Prime Minister Fumio Kishida has some ideas, a Grand Design. Japan can meet its economic challenges while becoming a model for the world, a “New Capitalism.”

The neo-liberal policies of Shinzo Abe, Kishida asserts, no longer suit the needs of Japan. Abenomics created a division between the rich and the poor. The middle class is withering, the country's productivity is poor, the population is rapidly declining, innovation is inadequately supported, entrepreneurs are too few, the countryside and small cities need help.

Corporate focus on short-term gains is excessive and markets have significantly failed. “Capitalism”, he warned, “isn’t sustainable unless it is something belonging to all stakeholders.”

In his first Diet policy speech last October, Kishida identified growth and distribution of wealth as “mutually necessary” in his new model. “What’s important is creating a positive cycle of growth and distribution. He promised to implement policies to achieve both. He stressed the importance of listening to people’s opinions and otherwise soliciting trust and sympathy.

He underscored that Japan has a proud tradition and culture of collaboration. What is needed in an era of division is a “national spirit of cooperation.” A “virtuous cycle of growth and distribution” can mark the nation’s new beginnings.

In the February 2022 edition of *Bungei Shunju* he provided some more explanation. Most important, he writes, is investment in people. He exclaimed that a proud tradition and culture of Japan emphasizes collaboration and bonds among people.

A new kind public-private partnership can increase added value by leveraging technological strengths and creativity. New startup companies will help save the country. A “Vision for a Digital Garden City” will help develop local regions. Japan will also implement bold investments to confront climate change.

The Prime Minister has ideas and promises which are grand, if not audacious.

His *Quest* is an opportunity to study again how important it is to recognize the full contours and reach of a nation’s economy.

Capitalism in its various versions is not simply an interconnected set of complex institutions and government policies - linked to decentralized free markets – inspiring people to pursue their self-defined economic interests. It is more than arrangements for the relentless pursuit of money-making.

Economies in any country are politically and socially constituted, deeply embedded in beliefs and social norms. There are deep social, moral, political, and cultural meanings interconnected and interrelated in complex ways.

Any creed projected as a blueprint for a society requires definition, scrutiny, acceptance, adjustment, and compromise. The advantages, limitations, and extensions of a blueprint will stir reactions. Ever fraught are tense ties linking Capitalism and Democracy. A voter will surely ask "What's in it for me?" "How much will it cost? There are plenty of critiques, many critical.

How well is he doing? It is much too early to say.

Government advisory councils have been appointed, hearings held, data shared. The bureaucracy is mobilized. Reports issued. YouTube features views of local leaders and others talking to Government. They are fascinating to hear.

An important joint meeting of the Council on Economic and Fiscal Policy and the Prime Minister's created Council of New Form of Capitalization Realization issued an enormously lengthy "Grand Design and Action Plan" in early June to flesh out in detail more of the Grand Design's particulars. The Cabinet has signed off.

In preparation for the Upper House election, the Liberal Democratic Party issued its Party Platform including a major section on New Capitalism.

Assuming an LDP victory in the Upper House elections the Prime Minister will have three more years to work on his ideas, to put pillars and policies in place. Perhaps the Japanese people will experience a new deal. Scholars will find out more about how changes can or cannot be made in the workings of Capitalism. It should be an interdisciplinary project.

Former Parliamentarian and Japanese Ambassador Engage with Students in MGA Course



Professor Phillip Lipsky's second-year Master of Global Affairs (MGA) course, *Bilateral Diplomacy: Canada-Japan and Canada-U.S. relations* is connecting students to current and former policymakers to deepen their understanding of global affairs.

On October 26, students had the opportunity to attend a guest lecture by the Honourable Bryon Wilfert, a former member of parliament and co-chair of the Canada-Japan Inter-Parliamentary Group. Mr. Wilfert gave an inspiring talk about how he became fascinated by Asia from a young age and sought to deepen Canada's engagement with the region as a parliamentarian.

The lecture contained many colourful anecdotes touching on Mr. Wilfert's career and the personal relationships he cultivated with political leaders like Jean Chrétien, Paul Martin, and Yasuhiro Nakasone. Mr. Wilfert emphasized the important role parliamentary diplomacy plays in complementing the efforts of career foreign service officers.

Prior to the lecture, His Excellency KAWAMURA Yasuhisa, the Ambassador of Japan in Canada, provided introductory remarks. Ambassador Kawamura highlighted deepening cooperation between the two nations, including a recent agreement on shared priorities contributing to a free and open Indo-Pacific region.

Ambassador Kawamura also reminisced about participating in a meeting between Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and then Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, during which the two leaders agreed to deepen cooperation and educational exchange between Canada and Japan. He noted that this meeting planted the seeds for the establishment of the Centre for the Study of Global Japan at the University of Toronto, which Lipsky now directs.

Mr. Wilfert, who is an alumnus of the University of Toronto, commented that “Lipsky’s class was very engaging, and I was impressed by the warm reception and insightful questions I received during the course of the evening.” Prior to the class session, Mr. Wilfert and his Executive Assistant, Teresa Chen, held an informal discussion at Massey College with faculty members Nathalie Des Rosiers, Phillip Lipsky, Peter Loewen, and Louis Pauly.



From left to right: Teresa Chen, Peter Loewen, The Honourable Bryon Wilfert, Phillip Lipsky, Louis Pauly, Nathalie Des Rosiers

Lipsy commented that “It was delightful to host such distinguished speakers who have contributed actively to the deepening of Canada-Japan relations.” He noted that the class is designed to introduce students to substantive issues while also exposing them to the realities of foreign policymaking through firsthand interaction with practitioners. He commented that he was impressed by the enthusiasm and eagerness of the students to learn about Japan. “One of the joys of teaching this class is I often learn so much from the speakers myself. By the end of the class, I’m also learning from the students.”

Lipsy’s class, which is part of the Global Classrooms Initiative, has also hosted guest lectures by current and former officials of Global Affairs Canada, the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the United States Department of State. Students are completing practicum projects in coordination with a Canadian government counterpart to inform the formulation of current policymaking priorities in Canada-Japan relations. Mr. Wilfert’s visit was supported by the Parliament to Campus program of the Educational Foundation of the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians.



From left to right: Arnaud Nsamirizi, Phillip Lipsy, The Honourable Bryon Wilfert, Yuna Ban, Kate Chen

CSGJ Student Affiliates 2021-22

This year, we had a group of 12 Student Affiliates actively engaged with our Centre. They are a diverse group of both undergraduate and graduate students at the University of Toronto.



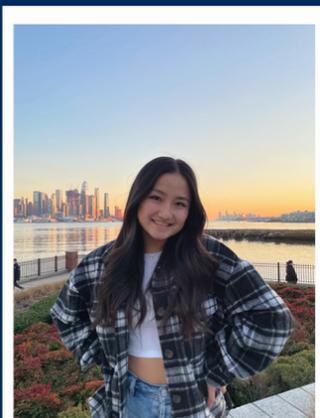
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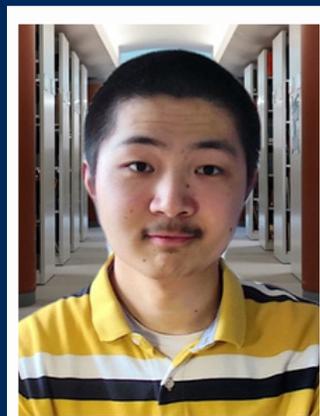
Aisha Shafaqat



Abena Somiah



Una Vulevic



Brian Wu

Student Affiliate Spotlight - Katie Bolissian



Katie Bolissian

Katie is a graduate student in the Master of Public Policy (MPP) program at the Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy. She was also the Work Study Student for CSGJ during the 2021-2022 academic year.

The Centre for the Study of Global Japan is one of the most innovative places at the University of Toronto that expertly weaves the need to understand Japanese scholastic dialogue while engaging in an accessible format to a worldwide audience of students, scholars, and policymakers. As the Centre's Communications Assistant I played an integral role in facilitating the public outreach of the Centre's many opportunities to learn and engage with leading scholars about contemporary issues facing Japanese politics and diplomacy.

From being an inaugural Undergraduate Student Affiliate to the Centre's first Graduate Student Affiliate, this journey has been nothing but a privilege. I am lucky to have found such a wonderful leader, mentor, and friend in Mio Otsuka, the Events and Program Coordinator for the Centre. Mio has always offered nothing but immense support and always challenged me to think creatively, where I now get to use those skills in my capacity as a Policy Analyst for the Ministry of Health.

I took the first ever course Professor Phillip Lipsky, Director of the Centre, taught at the University of Toronto and only if I knew then what a wonderful guide and mentor to me he'd later be, encouraging me to academically excel and follow my dreams. Additionally, I have learned so much from my fellow Affiliates and Japanese students that I met through the virtual Kakehashi exchange program. I am grateful for all the experiences the Centre has given me and am excited to see the incredible things our growing network will accomplish in the future!



From left to right: Bailey Irene Midori Hoy, Una Vulevic, Katie Bolissian, Vanessa Biklo, Abena Somiah, and Anvesh Jain

Student Affiliate Spotlight - Christal Cheng

The Centre for the Study of Global Japan is a captivating place dedicated to quality teaching and research on contemporary Japanese politics. Having joined the Centre in the third year of my undergraduate degree, I have had the advantage of surrounding myself with a group of distinguished scholars, supportive staff, and high-achieving students.

My experience here at the Centre can be condensed into three words: Community, Coverage, and Connections.

Community.

The Centre is really a close-knit community, drawing scholars and students together from across the University of Toronto, and shrinking the distance with others around the world. It is a nurturing community that enables students, professors, political leaders, policy makers, and members of the public to interact and exchange ideas. We may be coming from diverse and different backgrounds, but what brings us together is our interest in learning about Japan in the past, present, and future trajectory.



Christal Cheng

Christal is a 4th year U of T student, who graduated in June 2022 as a Specialist in International Relations and with Minors in Contemporary Asian Studies & Political Science.

Her reflections to the CSGJ events that she attended can be read from the link below.

<https://munkschool.utoronto.ca/csgj/student-reflections/>

Coverage.

The topics of discussion are expansive in scope and depth. In the span of one academic year, we have covered Japanese electoral politics surrounding its immigration policy, and domestic constraints of its longstanding pacifism; Japanese geopolitical uncertainty amidst China's ambitions, and the interest-based US-Japan alliance; as well as Japan's role in global health governance, and vision for a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific."

Connections.

While travel has not fully resumed, we were still able to meet various guest speakers who are leading experts in their respective fields from a variety of countries, notably from Japan. While not a lot of us are able to hop on a plane and fly to Japan, having scholars and policy makers who are researching the country's latest developments from within was an enriching experience for those of us who are studying Japan from the outside.



From left to right: Arnaud Nsamirizi, Christal Cheng, Katie Bollisian, Taisei Inoue, and Abena Somiah

Publications & Presentations

NICHOLAS A. R. FRASER

Nicholas A. R. Fraser and John W. Cheng. 2022. "Do Natives Prefer White Immigrants? Evidence from Japan." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*

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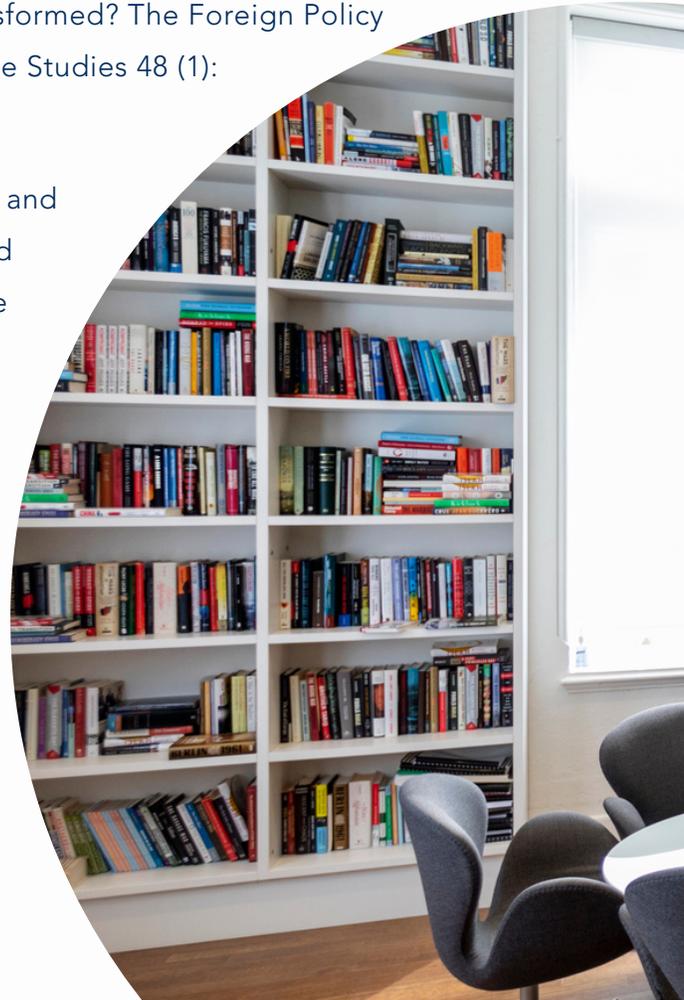
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Phillip Y. Lipsky and Daniel Smith. "Nobody can go to the Tokyo Olympics. So why is the government going ahead with them?" *Washington Post Monkey Cage*. 7/19/2021.

"The Public Letter on Japan's Border Closure," U.S.-Japan Council. 4/14/2022.



"U.S.-Japan Relations under the Biden and Kishida Administrations," Stanford University (Reischauer Scholars Program), 4/13/2022.

"Japan's Response to COVID-19." Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, 3/26/2022.

"Japan on the Front Line." Columbia University (Weatherhead East Asia Institute). 1/25/2022, 90 minutes (panel).

"Global Japan: Japan's Foreign Policy and Implications for Canada." The Macdonald-Laurier Institute. 12/15/2021, 90 minutes.

"Japan's Energy Policy in Flux: The Uncertain Future of Renewables, Nuclear Energy, and Carbon Neutrality." Stanford University (Shorenstein Asia Pacific Research Center), 11/9/2021.

"Navigating the Age of Disruption: Where is Japan Going After the Election?" University of British Columbia (Centre for Japan Research), 11/1/2021.

"Renegotiating the World Order: Peaceful Avenues of International Contestation." Hong Kong University (Asia Global Institute), 8/24/2021.

"Japan Transformed? The Foreign Policy Legacy of the Abe Government." International Political Science Association, World Congress of Political Science, 7/10/2021.

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