

Event Report

Symposium Summary

**“China’s Foreign Policy and Other Countries’ Policies toward China” Study Group
Fiscal Year-end Open Symposium
(Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 13:30-17:00; JIIA Conference Room)**



<Overview>

- Date/time: Wednesday, February 20, 2019; 13:30-15:30
- Venue: Japan Institute of International Affairs Conference Room
- Program (honorifics omitted):
 - Opening remarks: Yasunori NAKAYAMA (Director General (Acting), JIIA)
 - Briefing on key research topics and issues being addressed: Akio TAKAHARA, (Professor, University of Tokyo; Senior Adjunct Fellow, JIIA)

[Session 1: US Policy toward China and China’s Reaction] (Moderator: Yasunori NAKAYAMA (Director General (Acting), JIIA))

- Report ①: “The US View and Policy vis-à-vis China in the Second Year of the Trump Administration”, Tetsuya UMEMOTO (Professor, University of Shizuoka)
- Report ②: “US-China Confrontation and Chinese Diplomacy”, Akio TAKAHARA, (Professor, University of Tokyo; Senior Adjunct Fellow, JIIA)
- Question-and-answer period

[Session 2: Domestic Situation in China] (Moderator: Hideya KURATA (Professor, National Defense Academy; Adjunct Fellow, JIIA))

- Report ①: “US-China Confrontation and the Economic Situation in China”, Asei ITO (Associate Professor, University of Tokyo)
- Report ②: “Current Situation in Xi Jinping’s Domestic Politics and US-China Confrontation”,

Shinya KADOZAKI (Research Fellow, JIIA)

- Question-and-answer period

[Session 3: International Order in East Asia] (Moderator: Akio TAKAHARA (Professor, University of Tokyo; Senior Adjunct Fellow, JIIA))

- Report ①: “The US-China ‘New Cold War’ and the Korean Peninsula”, Hideya KURATA (Professor, National Defense Academy; Adjunct Fellow, JIIA)
- Report ②: “US-Taiwan Relations and Taiwan’s Security”, Junichi ABE (Managing Director, Chief Research Officer, The KAZANKAI Foundation)
- Question-and-answer period
- Summary: Hideya KURATA (Professor, National Defense Academy; Adjunct Fellow, JIIA)

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The Japan Institute of International Affairs, as part of a Ministry of Foreign Affairs Foreign/Security Affairs Research Project (“The Resilience of the ‘Open Liberal International Order’”), has for the past two years been engaged in a research project that examines the effects of the interaction between China’s foreign policy and other countries’ reactions thereto on the existing international order (“China’s Foreign Policy and Other Countries’ Policies toward China”). This Symposium was held to further enhance this research by making public some of the findings compiled thus far and soliciting opinions from a broad spectrum of participants.

Addressing the common topic of US-China relations and the major developments seen therein since the end of 2017, this Symposium discussed the course of events within China and within the East Asian international order. Session 1 introduced analyses of the foreign policies of the Trump and Xi administrations, after which US-China bilateral relations were discussed from the perspective of their conflicting foreign policies. In Session 2, presentations were given on the effects that the intensifying US-China conflict has had (and will continue to have) on China economically and politically, and the subsequent discussions looked at the Chinese economy, information control, and the stability of the Xi Jinping administration among other subjects. Session 3 featured reports that looked at the impacts of the US-China confrontation on circumstances in North Korea and in the Taiwan Strait, and significant insights were offered on the present state and future prospects of both these areas, touching on such issues as denuclearization by North Korea and politics in Taiwan.

This symposium was attended by approximately 130 guests, and lively discussions ensued on the wide range of questions posed by the audience on the aforementioned points of discussion and others.