

Current Research Seminar

Interpreting Japan's Security Alignments: Implications on Theoretical Debates in IR



Prof. SATO Yoichiro

APU-APS

Japanese foreign policy during the tenure of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe made notable changes in terms of its proactiveness, partnership scope, and security focus. The new foreign policy has manifested in two seemingly contradictory phenomena—an enhanced alliance with the United States and diversification of partnerships. Scholars interpret the ongoing policy development, but have so far failed to form a dominant convention that enables verification of IR theories one way or another. This failure is attributable to individual ideological leaning, paradigmatic difference, and imprecise definitions of certain IR jargons. The seminar by Professor Yoichiro Sato will explore this theoretical frontier through empirical examination of the developments in Japanese foreign policy during the Abe Administration.

Registration:

https://weareapu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kv0odGUrRm-STp_BpwkftQ

Date: Thursday, Dec 10, 2020

Time: 20:00-21:30 (Japan Standard Time)