# International Symposium

## The Future of U.S.–Japan Cooperation After the U.S. Midterm Elections

### —Beyond Political and Social Division—

**Date: Friday, November 20, 2026, 10:00-11:50, JST/**
**Thursday, November 19, 2026, 8:00 p.m-9:50 p.m, EST/**
**7:00 p.m.-8:50 p.m, CST/ 6:00p.m-7:50 p.m, PST**

**Format: Hybrid (in-person and online via Zoom webinar)**
**Venue: International House of Japan, "Lecture Hall"**
**Moderator: MAESHIMA Kazuhiro, Distinguished Research Fellow, JFIR / Professor, Sophia University**

## Program

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- **10:00 Opening Remarks**
  WATANABE Mayu President, The Japan Forum on International Relations (JFIR)

- **10:05 Session1 "The Midterm Elections and the Future of U.S. Politics and Foreign Policy"**
  - Presentations (5 min. each)
    - MIMAKI Seiko Professor, Doshisha University
    - Paul SRACIC Nonresident Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute*
    - TAKEUCHI Hiroki Associate Professor, Southern Methodist University (SMU)
    - Charles MCCLEAN Assistant Professor, Yale University*

- **10:25 Session2 "Economic Security and the Future of U.S.–Japan Cooperation"**
  - Presentations (5 min. each)
    - SUZUKI Kazutoshi Professor, Sophia University
    - Chris KENNEDY Senior Fellow, Bloomberg Economics' Geoeconomics practice
    - TEZUKA Saori Associate Professor, Nanzan University/ Visiting Scholar at UC Berkeley*
    - Diana NEWTON Senior Fellow, John Goodwin Tower Center for Public Policy & International Affairs, Southern Methodist University (SMU)*

- **10:50 Session3 "Prospects for U.S.–Japan Cooperation on Climate Change and Energy"**
  - Presentations (5 min. each)
    - Mary Alice HADDAD Professor, Wesleyan University
    - OBI Michiyo Professor, Nanzan University
    - Miranda SCHREURS Professor, Chair of Climate and Environmental Policy, Bavarian School of Public Policy, Technical University of Munich

- **11:20 Panel Session and Q&A**
- **11:45 Closing Remarks**
  MAESHIMA Kazuhiro Distinguished Research Fellow, JFIR / Professor, Sophia University

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