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An American Academic's View of Postwar U.S.-Japan Relations, with a Focus on Bilateral "Territorial" Issues

Guest Speaker

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Admission Free

Dr. Eldridge's writings on the diplomatic history of American involvement in postwar bilateral "territorial issues" with Japan have been called "the gold standard" by a former U.S. diplomat and commentator. The Japanese version of his first book, *The Origins of the Bilateral Okinawa Problem: Okinawa in Postwar U.S.-Japan Relations, 1945-1952*, published in 2003, simultaneously won the Suntory Prize as well as the Asia-Pacific Prize for historical scholarship. That same year, he published the Japanese and English versions of *The Return of the Amami Islands: The Reversion Movement and U.S.-Japan Relations*, and in 2008, he published the Japanese version of *Iwo Jima and the Bonin Islands in U.S.-Japan Relations: American Strategy, Japanese Territory, and the Islanders In-between*. The English version is expected out this year. Also this year, his book, *The Origins of U.S. Policy in the East China Sea Islands Dispute: Okinawa's Reversion and the Senkaku Islands*, will be published by Routledge. Dr. Eldridge, a former tenured associate professor at Osaka University and currently a visiting researcher at Okinawa International University, will discuss his interest in the subject matter, provide an overview of each of the books as well as the methods employed when writing them, and discuss his future research plans and some of the remaining challenges surrounding these topics. Questions from the students attending are highly welcome.

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