

Study Group on Geostrategic Hotspots

Subject & Overview

This study group started in April 2021 as a collaborative project between the Kajima Institute of International Peace and PHP Research Institute, a policy thinktank, based on a shared understanding of the issues in the field.

With increasing great power competition, there is growing interest in the field of geopolitics. In many cases, however, “geopolitics” is used merely as another term for political risk, and at present discussions in Japan often fail adequately to reflect the military perspective. This study group invites prominent speakers in the field to give presentations, which provide a basis for case studies of important aspects of geopolitical hotspots from a diverse range of viewpoints, particularly military and geographical perspectives.

The results of our meetings are widely disseminated to the general public through publication in the monthly magazine *Voice* (published by the PHP Institute, Inc.) and other outlets. Our aim is to improve the quality of the assessments of current situations on which the country’s foreign policy and the global strategies of Japanese companies are based, and to help to build the intellectual foundations indispensable for public discussions on peace and prosperity.

In fiscal year 2023, this joint project was completed with the launch of a special website summarizing the essence of all 16 case studies.

Period April 1, 2021 to September 30, 2023

Meetings held (FY2023) Three core group meetings were held to discuss the special website.

- Final confirmation meeting (1)
Date and time: October 5, 2023 (Thurs.), 13:00 to 15:00
- Final confirmation meeting (2)
Date and time: October 10, 2023 (Tues.), 11:00 to 13:00
- Final confirmation meeting (3)
Date and time: October 11, 2023 (Wed.), 11:00 to 12:00

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