

Study Group on International Politics and Economics

Subject Analysis and debate of current issues in international politics and economics

Overview The group holds meetings on an ongoing basis to analyze and debate current issues in international politics and economics. Participants include Masahiro Sakamoto, ex-professor at Chuo University; Tsutomu Tanaka, former vice-minister for economic planning; and other officials from the former Economic Planning Agency and the Cabinet Office. In fiscal 2021, the group focused on the intensifying friction between the United States and China and on U.S.-China-Japan relations. This was also the case in the previous fiscal year, but this year the emphasis was on the impact of the coronavirus pandemic, changes of government in Washington and Tokyo, and other developments.

Date held	Subject
2018	
April 23	The Road Taken by the Xi Jinping Administration: The Significance of the Term Limit on the Presidency Being Removed
May 25	The Trade Policy of the Trump Administration
June 22	The Impact of AI
July 25	China's Foreign Aid Policy
August 27	The System of Republican Party Conservatives Who Support the Trump Presidency

Date held	Subject
October 26	Future of the Chinese Economy and U.S.-China Friction
November 30	The United States After the Midterm Elections
December 20	The U.S.-China Battle for Technological Supremacy
2019	
January 29	New National Defense Program Guidelines
February 20	U.S.-China Trade Friction and China's Response
March 26	On Global Economy
April 24	Current Situation of China
May 20	Japan-U.S.-China-Russia Quadrilateral Relations
June 26	China and the Economic Growth Trap: Financial Crisis and Balance Sheet Insufficiencies
July 17	The Intentions behind China's Military Expansion
August 21	The Trump Administration in the Leadup to the Presidential Election
September 26	Japan-U.S. Economic Issues and Policy Measures: Based on MMT Theory

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October 17	Outlook for Chinese Economy Based on U.S.-China Frictions
November 21	U.S. Options in the Washington-Beijing Rivalry: Including Financial Sanctions
December 18	Conditions in China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong
2020	
January 17	U.S.-China Confrontation Over 5G
June 30	Outlook for the Chinese Economy and U.S.-China Relations
July 22	Global Currency Settlement Systems, Libra, and Digital Renminbi
September 2	What Is Happening in China Right Now? Interpreting the Xi Jinping Administration
October 28	Changes in the China Policies of the EU and Individual European States
November 12	U.S.-China Relations After the U.S. Presidential Election and Japan's Course
December 18	The New Biden Administration and Japan's Strategy

Date held	Subject
2021	
January 29	Biden Administration Policy and Issues: Can the Divide Be Overcome?
February 10	Challenges and Policies of the New Biden Administration
March 22	Inauguration of the Biden Administration and China's Response
April 28	Australia's Foreign Policy in the Indo-Pacific Age
May 24	Theory of Grand Strategy: Conflict over International order and Japan
June 18	East Asian Relations Changed by Coronavirus: Among China, Taiwan and Hong Kong
September 1	Xi Jinping Administration and AI Industry
September 29	Background of U.S. Failure of "20 years in Afghanistan" and Outlook for New Taliban Regime
October 27	New Capitalism Is New Bible: The Next Stage of New Middle Ages
November 18	Biden Administration's Indo-Pacific Strategy and U.S.-China Relations
December 17	U.S.-China Relations and Economic Security-Digital Security

Date held	Subject
2022	
January 20	Xi Jinping Administration's Technique of Social Control
February 24	Biden Administration's Foreign Policy and Outlook for U.S.-China Conflict
March 22	China's "New" Development Concepts

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