

CRS Seminar Series

The Korean Peninsula and Japan-US-ROK Cooperation

Date: Tuesday, September 25, 2018
Time: 15:30-17:00
Venue: Conference room, Center for Rule-making Strategies
(5th Floor, Shinagawa Intercity Front, 2-14-14 Kōnan, Minato-ku)
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Amidst all the uncertainty surrounding developments on the Korean Peninsula, it is increasingly clear that the state of Japan-US-ROK relations will be a critical factor in efforts to dismantle North Korea's nuclear program and eliminating the threat that it poses. For 15 years, officials and experts from the three countries have met in an off the record setting to discuss and compare views of Korean Peninsula developments and the status of the US extended deterrence. At the last meeting, held in August, they explored the prospects for negotiations to dismantle the North's nuclear program if all goes well — and if those talks collapse.

CRS is delighted to host a panel discussion featuring RAdm (r) Robert Girrier, President of Pacific Forum (which hosts the discussions), and Akira Igata, a CRS Visiting Professor who is an expert in Asia-Pacific strategic issues and has attended these meetings for several years. The discussion will be moderated by Brad Glosserman, Deputy Director of CRS, and who has run the trilateral meeting since its inception.

Please register at the CRS website (<https://crs-japan.org/events/the-korean-peninsula-and-japan-us-rok-cooperation/>) or contact Akira Igata (akira.igata@gmail.com).

Agenda

15:30-15:35 Opening Remarks: Brad Glosserman (CRS)

15:35-16:05 Key Findings: Robert Girrier

President Girrier will share key findings of the US-ROK-Japan Trilateral Strategic Dialogue, which included a simulation of a diplomatic and military contingency on the Korean Peninsula. Based on these findings and reflecting on recent developments in Northeast Asia, RAdm Girrier will assess future prospects of peace on the Peninsula, the way forward for Japan-US-ROK trilateral cooperation, and expectations for Japan.

16:05-16:15 Discussion: Akira Igata (CRS)

16:15-17:00 Q&A from the floor

Speaker

Robert “Bob” Girrier
President, Pacific Forum



Robert “Bob” Girrier is the new President of Pacific Forum, a long-established Indo-Asia-Pacific think tank.

Bob has dedicated his life to building stability and security. He is a naval leader with over 20 years of progressive leadership experience preparing & commanding teams, large & small – to execute, adapt & prevail – culminating operationally as Deputy Commander Pacific Fleet & as Director, Unmanned Warfare Systems for the US Navy.

As an operator & commander of naval units, Bob has been developing strategy, building partnership capacity, planning for contingencies, executing crisis response, and directing theater-wide operations & day-to-day engagement, focusing on security in the Indo-Asia-Pacific, Europe and the Middle East.

Organization



Founded in 1975, the Pacific Forum is a non-profit, foreign policy research institute based in Honolulu, Hawaii. The Forum’s programs encompass current and emerging political, security, economic and business issues and works to help stimulate cooperative policies in the Asia Pacific region through analysis and dialogue undertaken with the region’s leaders in the academic, government, and corporate areas.

The Forum collaborates with a network of more than 30 research institutes around the Pacific Rim, drawing on Asian perspectives and disseminating its projects’ findings and recommendations to opinion leaders, governments, and publics throughout the region. It regularly cosponsors conferences with institutes around the world to facilitate nongovernmental institution building as well as to foster cross-fertilization of ideas.

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