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UCSB Conference Explores Nationalism in Asia

Scholars from the United States, Japan, China, South Korea, and Norway will gather at the University of California, Santa Barbara, for a three-day conference titled "Historical Memories and the Resurgence of Nationalism in Asia: Paths to Reconciliation." Participants will examine how historical memories are intertwined with the recent upsurge of nationalism in East Asia, and discuss specific paths to reconciliation between Japan and its neighbors.

Sponsored by the Center for Cold War Studies and the Department of Political Science at UCSB, the conference is set for May 23-25.

The community is invited to attend a public forum at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23, featuring Gilbert Rozman, professor of sociology at Princeton University; Mike M. Mochizuki, associate professor of political science and international affairs at George Washington University; and Kazuhiko Togo, formerly Japan's ambassador to the Netherlands and currently the Public Policymaker-in-Residence at UCSB. They will discuss critical issues related to the resurgence of nationalism in East Asia, and the role the United States can play in achieving a peaceful coexistence among the countries involved. The forum, which will take place in UCSB's McCune Conference Room, 6020 Humanities and Social Science Building, will be videotaped for broadcast on the University of California television channel UCTV. Copies of the videotape will be available to viewers nationwide.

"At a time when peace and stability in East Asia is threatened by the resurgence of nationalism in Japan, China, and South Korea, this conference, which assembles the world's foremost authorities on this issue, will make a great contribution to promoting peace and stability in the region," said Tsuyoshi Hasegawa, professor of history and co-director of the Center for Cold War Studies.

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