

Live Webinar

U.S.-Japan Economic Relations Under the New Leaders

Thursday, February 13, 2025 | 7:00 – 8:15 PM (ET)

Friday, February 14, 2025 | 9:00 – 10:15 AM (Japan Time)



Featuring:

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The speakers examined the outlook for U.S.-Japan economic relations, considering newly proposed U.S. trade policies under the Trump Administration, including threats to impose 60% tariffs on imports from China, 25% on imports from Canada and Mexico, and 10% on imports from the rest of the world. The panelists considered the potential implications of the tariffs, with a focus on Japan's response. They pondered the questions: (1) Will Japanese manufacturers just suffer huge declines in exports to the United States? (2) Will Japanese manufacturers increase tariff-jumping investment in the U.S.? (3) Will it turn out that they have already shifted enough production to the U.S. to avoid the negative impacts of tariffs entirely? The speakers analyzed whether a tariff war is likely to harm global trade and cross-border investment if China and the EU retaliate against the U.S. with tariffs. They also discussed how Japanese manufacturers might respond. The event recording is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7Jtz5XFN9I>.