

"Evolution of Japan's Development Assistance Policy: Codifying the "Proactive Contribution to Peace" Akiko FUKUSHIMA (Aoyama Gakuin University)

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In 2014, Japan celebrated its 60th anniversary as a donor of official development assistance (ODA). After World War II, Japan launched its reconstruction efforts as a recipient of foreign aid, but by 1954 it had joined the Colombo Plan and has been a donor ever since. Japan today is the fourth largest donor in the world.

How has Japan positioned its development assistance in its foreign policy? How has its policy evolved over the past 60 years? What are the salient features of Japan's ODA that distinguishes it from that of other donors? What role does the concept of human security play in its ODA policy?

Seventy years will have passed since the end of World War II in August 2015. How has Japan adapted its development assistance policy over the years to changing global assistance trends, such as the need to support more fragile states, the emergence of new actors in development assistance beyond governments, and the appearance of donors who are not members of OECD/DAC? The lecture will respond to these and other questions, such as whether Japan is ready to pursue a nexus of development and security in its development cooperation, as mentioned in its National Security Strategy, and whether Japan sees China as a "competitor" in providing development assistance to Africa.

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