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Making Sense of Japan's Defense Policy: Continuities, Changes, and Challenges



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Over the past decade, Japan has significantly updated its defense policy signifying shifts that would have been unimaginable only a few decades ago. How should we understand these developments? To what extent has Japan's defense policy shifted from its previous course? What do these reforms mean for the U.S.-Japan Alliance and for peace and stability in the Western Pacific? This talk examines these questions and others to provide a deeper understanding of Japan's evolving defense posture.

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