

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



Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 12:00 PM
The Fletcher School, Tufts University
Cabot Building, Room 703



The Consulate-General of Japan in Boston and the The Fletcher School at Tufts present a talk by Ryo Kiridori, a research fellow at the National Institute for Defense Studies (NIDS), who will discuss significant developments in Japan's evolving defense posture.

- Welcome: Professor Rockford Weitz
- Opening remarks: Consul General Seiichiro Takahashi
- Lunch will be provided.

- Research fellow at the National Institute for Defense Studies.
- Kiridori was cross appointed to the Defense Policy Bureau of Japan's Ministry of Defense, where he was engaged in drafting Japan's mid-to-long-term defense strategy called National Defense Program Guidelines (now National Defense Strategy) as well as in various policy-level strategic dialogues, including the Japan-US Extended Deterrence Dialogue.

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