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ЯПОНСКА ДИПЛОМАЦИЯ: СЪВРЕМЕННИ ПРЕДИЗВИКАТЕЛСВА И БЪДЕЩА СТРАТЕГИЯ

- ◆ *Международното положение в момента*
- ◆ *Свободна и отворена Индо-тихоокеанска стратегия*
- ◆ *Мястото на Централна Източна Европа във външната политика на Япония*

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На 30 януари (сряда) от 14:00 ч.

Нова конферентна зала, Софийски университет, Ректорат, бул. Цар Освободител 15
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14:00 ч: Регистрация; 14:30 ч: Въведение; 14:50-16:10 ч: Лекция и коментари



The Japanese Studies Department, FCMP, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski
and the Embassy of Japan in Bulgaria
have the pleasure of inviting you to a public lecture on

JAPANESE DIPLOMACY: PRESENT CHALLENGES AND FUTURE STRATEGY

- ◆ *Current International Situation*
- ◆ *Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy*
- ◆ *The place of Central Eastern Europe in Japan's Foreign Policy*

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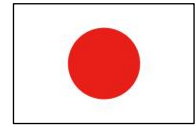
On Wednesday, January 30th at 14 pm

New Conference Hall, Sofia University, Rectorate, 15.Tsar Osvoboditel Blvd.
Language: English

14 pm: Registration; 14:30 pm: Opening remarks; 14:50-16:10 pm: Lecture and comments



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“Post-Cold War International Relations and Japan”

International relations have undergone significant changes since the end of the Cold War. Remarkable economic growth has taken place in many parts of the world; the rise of China is most conspicuous but other economies in Asia and Africa have also achieved high growth, too. Democratization has taken root in many countries while authoritarianism has shown significant influence elsewhere. The rise of transnational terrorism and the shifting power balance among the major powers pose serious and complex security challenges to the international community. The election of Donald Trump as U.S. president has brought about peculiar elements of uncertainty in the behavior of the superpower. The United States and China appear heading toward a new cold war. What will all these changes influence Japan's foreign policy? How will they affect Japan's relations with the U.S., China, Europe and the rest of the world? How will Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's "vision of free and open Indo-Pacific" play out facing these challenges? These are some of the questions I would like to address.