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Institute for Korean Studies and Institute for Japanese Studies

### SCOTT SNYDER



### ***"The Japan-South Korea Identity Clash: East Asian Security and the United States"***

Tuesday, September 29, 2015 12:00PM - 1:30PM  
Mershon Center for International Security Studies  
1501 Neil Ave. Columbus, OH 43201

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**This event is co-sponsored with the Institute for Korean Studies and the Institute for Japanese Studies.**

**Scott Snyder** is senior fellow for Korea studies and director of the program on U.S.-Korea policy at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), where he had served as an adjunct fellow from 2008 to 2011. Snyder's program examines South Korea's efforts to contribute on the international stage; its potential influence and contributions as a middle power in East Asia; and the peninsular, regional, and global implications of North Korean instability. Snyder is co-author of *The Japan-South Korea Identity Clash: East Asian Security and the United States* (Columbia University Press, 2015).

He also the co-editor of *North Korea in Transition: Politics, Economy, and Society* (Rowman and Littlefield, October 2012), and the editor of *Global Korea: South Korea's Contributions to International Security* (Council on Foreign Relations, 2012) and *The U.S.-South Korea Alliance: Meeting New Security Challenges* (Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2012). He served as the project director for CFR's Independent Task Force on policy toward the Korean Peninsula. He currently writes for the blog "Asia Unbound."

Prior to joining CFR, Snyder was a senior associate in the international relations program of The Asia Foundation, where he founded and directed the Center for U.S.-Korea Policy and served as The Asia Foundation's representative in Korea (2000-04). He was also a senior associate at Pacific Forum CSIS. Snyder has worked as an Asia specialist in the research and studies program of the U.S. Institute of Peace and as acting director of Asia Society's contemporary affairs program. He was a Pantech visiting fellow at Stanford University's Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center during 2005-06, and received an Abe fellowship, administered by the Social Sciences Research Council, in 1998-99.

Snyder has authored numerous book chapters on aspects of Korean politics and foreign policy and Asian regionalism and is the author of *China's Rise and the Two Koreas: Politics, Economics, Security* (2009), *Paved With Good Intentions: The NGO Experience in North Korea* (co-editor, 2003), and *Negotiating on the Edge: North Korean Negotiating Behavior* (1999). He has provided advice to NGOs and humanitarian organizations active in N  s on the advisory council of the National Committee on North Korea and Global Resource Services.

Snyder received a B.A. from Rice University and M.A. from the regional studies East Asia program at Harvard University, and was a Thomas G. Watson fellow at Yonsei University in South Korea.

### Abstract



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Japan and South Korea are Western-style democracies with open-market economies committed to the rule of law. They are also U.S. allies. Yet despite their common interests, shared values, and geographic proximity, divergent national identities have fractured relations between them. In this talk, Snyder will investigate the roots of the split and its ongoing threat to the region and the world.

Snyder isolates competing notions of national identity as the main obstacle to a productive Japan-South Korea partnership. Through public opinion data, interviews, and years of observation, he argues that incompatible, rapidly changing conceptions of national identity in Japan and South Korea have complicated territorial claims and international policy. Despite changes in Japan's and South Korea's leaderships and both governments' concerted efforts to encourage U.S.-ROK-Japan security cooperation, he concludes, the Japan-Korea relationship continues to be hobbled by history and national identity.

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