

## **UCSD will hold international symposium November 10 on Japanese and American views on the future of post-Tiananmen China**

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### **UCSD TO HOLD INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON JAPANESE AND AMERICAN VIEWS ON THE FUTURE OF POST-TIANANMEN CHINA**

Some of Japan and America's best known China specialists will participate in a one-day international symposium November 10 on comparative Japanese and American views on the future of China as a result of the Tiananmen Square massacre that rocked the world last year. The symposium will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium at the University of California, San Diego's Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS). The conference is free and open to the public.

"Comparative Japanese and American Views on the Future of China: An International Symposium," will include discussion and commentary from 25 prominent China specialists from the United States and the Pacific Rim. The major topics to be examined include: Japanese and American policy toward China since the Tiananmen Square massacre; the loss of Communist legitimacy in China; and perspectives on China's future relations with Russia, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Korea.

The primary purpose of the seminar, according to symposium organizer Chalmers Johnson, Rohr Professor of Pacific International Relations at the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS) and a renowned authority on Japan and China, is to explore the differences between Japanese and American assessments of post-Tiananmen China and how these differences have affected government policies.

"Japanese and American specialists appear to differ in their assessments of future events in post-Tiananmen China and on the appropriate policies to be pursued," said Johnson. "Since the Tiananmen Square massacre, both governments have attempted to appease the hard-liners in Beijing, but for different reasons."

The American perspective has been that the maintenance of a close relationship with a strong and stable China is necessary to keep the influence of the Soviet Union and Japan in East Asia in balance. On the other hand," Johnson added, "the Japanese policy appears to reflect strong pressures on the Japanese government by business interests as well as Japan's expressed interest in a possible Pacific trading bloc, in which China would be essential, to counteract the European community in 1992."

The November 10 symposium is being funded by the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, the University of California's Modern Japan Program, the UCSD-based Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation and the IR/PS Rohr Chair in Pacific International Relations held by Professor Johnson.

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