

Historical Reconciliation and East Asian Community Building

歴史和解と東アジア共同体の構築

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East Asia's Present

- Economic Interdependence
- Domestic public opinion and politics
- Cold War legacies: North Korea, Taiwan
- Geo-political shift: rise of China, hedging by Japan, US factor

East Asia's Past: Reconciliation

- Cold War
 - “freezing” of history issues
 - “thin reconciliation”
- Transition to post-Cold War
 - Internationalization of history issues
 - “memory wars”
- Reconciliation
 - A process and end-result of overcoming the past

East Asia's Future: Community-building?

- Northeast Asia/East Asia (Japan, China, Korea) vs. Asia-Pacific, Indo-Pacific
- What is a Community?
- Do we need a community?
 - Community for managing issues
 - Community as shared identity

Possibilities for Community-Building

- Economic, Cultural, and Social Aspects
- Political Aspect
- History issues, Territorial Disputes
- US Factors

Perspectives from the U.S.

- Academia and Policy Scholars
- US government Stances
- Society and Locality

Further Questions:

- Would East Asia's present be different if "deep reconciliation" had been accomplished?
- What domestic conditions are necessary for a future East Asian community?