



JAPAN NOW Lecture Series



Abenomics 2.0 and Japan's Past, Present, and Future

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After three years of "Abenomics," it became clear these policies need to evolve in order to meet the needs of a changing world, prompting Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to announce the second stage of his economic strategy last fall. This presentation will start with a look at Japan's "frozen" past and its departure from "Japanisation" then move through the challenges now facing the Japanese economy. Addressing the question of whether Japan is headed for a downturn in the 2020s, the presentation will also show how the country has become a leader in crisis response.



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