

A Judicial Studies Programme lunchtime seminar

The 2015 Japanese Security Legislation and Its Implications

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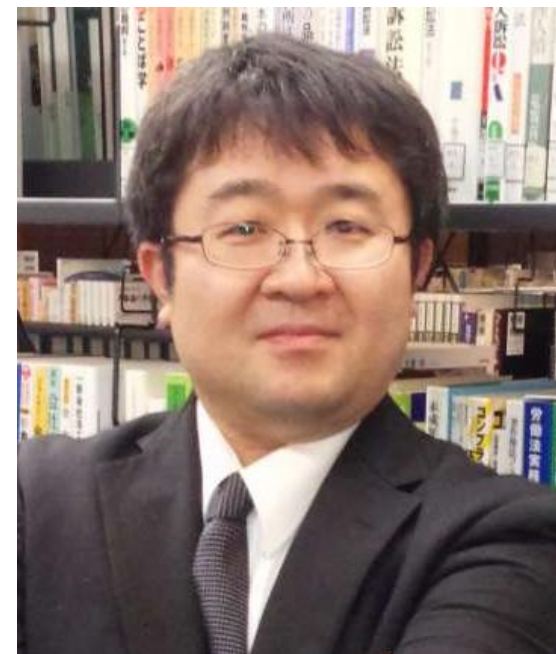
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Light refreshments will be served

The 2014 decision by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's government to reinterpret Article 9 of the Japanese Constitution and pass security legislation accordingly has been (and continues to be) a source of major controversy in Japanese society and academia. While much of the debate has centered around constitutional issues and democratic political ideals, a key issue is the right of collective self-defense -- a concept of public international law. This lecture will evaluate the content of the 2015 security legislation and its implications from the perspective of international law and international relations.



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Masotoshi Takeuchi has written extensively in Japanese and English on public international law issues. In addition to teaching at Chuo University, he lectures at Takasaki City University of Economics (Gumma Prefecture), Musashi University (Tokyo) and Tamagawa University (Tokyo).

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