



Japan and East Asia

Our speaker for May is Frederick R. Dickinson, professor of Japanese history at the University of Pennsylvania, who will share with us his views on the current political situation in Japan and East Asia.

Dickinson is co-director of Penn's Lauder Institute of Management and International Studies and deputy director of the Penn Forum on Japan. Born and raised in Japan, he teaches courses on modern Japan; on empire, politics and nationalism in East Asia and the Pacific, and on world history.

He is the author of *War and National Reinvention: Japan in the Great War, 1914-1919* (published 1999), *Taisho Tenno* (2009), and *World War I and the Triumph of a New Japan, 1919-1930* (2013). Currently, he is working on a global history of modern Japan.

Dickinson has received grants from the Japanese Ministry of Education, the Fulbright Commission, and the Japan Foundation. He was a National Fellow at the Hoover Institution (Stanford University, 2000-2001) and a research scholar at the International Research Center for Japanese Studies (Kyoto, 2011-2012). He has taught not only in this country but in Europe and in Japan.

He holds a master's degree in international politics from Kyoto University (1986) and a doctorate degree in history from Yale University (1993).

Embassy Trip Being Rescheduled

The FPA has received late word that Japan is unable to host us at its embassy on May 8, as previously scheduled. However, the embassy suggested that we explore alternative dates, which we are doing. The reason for the change is that an important Japanese official is visiting Washington, DC, that week, and there would have been no one available to speak with us.

Carol Nechemias, trip organizer, says we are exploring other possible dates in May or June. Meanwhile, we will maintain the current list of participants and standbys. Once a new date is set, we will let you know.

Congratulations to Lily

FPA Harrisburg's youngest member, Lily Ward-Diorio, is the valedictorian of the 2019 graduating class at Boiling Springs High School. She and her twin sister Becca, the class salutatorian, are entering Brown University in Providence, RI. Lily aspires to a career in international relations. We send her off with our very best wishes.

May 16 Dinner Arrangements

Place: West Shore Country Club
100 Brentwater Road
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Time: 5:30 PM: Social Hour (Cash Bar)
6:30 PM: Sit-Down Dinner
7:30 PM: Presentation w/ Q & A

Menu: Charred Carrot Soup
Chicken Marsala, Mushroom Demi-Glace
Wild Rice Pilaf
Buttered Green Beans with Toasted Almonds
Strawberry Shortcake

Those with special dietary needs may request a substitution when making a reservation. If you order a substitute meal, remember to pick up a coded tag at the table and put it by your place. Alternate meals will be chicken unless chicken is the main course – then fish will be the alternate or vegetarian, which will be chef's choice, typically non-meat pasta.

**The cost for FPA members is \$30.
We welcome non-members to attend dinners.
The non-member cost is \$35.**

There is no charge for anyone to attend the program presentation only, beginning at 7:30 PM.

**For Reservations Contact: Ron Pontius at
ronpon@comcast.net or (717) 991-0899,
or you can reserve on our new website:
www.fpaharrisburg.org**

Reservations must be made by 10 AM Monday, May 13. If you come for dinner without a reservation, the country club may charge a late fee of up to \$10 per person.

When making or canceling a dinner reservation, give your complete *name, address and phone number*. We need that information to notify you if a meeting is canceled due to the weather or for any other reason.

NOTE: We bill no-shows.

No-shows will be billed unless there are sufficient walk-ins to meet the reservation number given to the West Shore Country Club.

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The Current State of Arms Control

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Mark Fitzpatrick, a leading voice on nuclear non-proliferation, told 140 members and guests of the Foreign Policy Association on April 25 that the current state of arms control can be summed up in three words: It doesn't exist.

Fitzpatrick noted that the United States is on track to withdraw from the Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces Treaty on grounds that Russia is violating it. The U.S. withdrawal threatens to accelerate a worldwide arms race, he said. Meanwhile, countries like North Korea, India and Pakistan are determined to hang on to their nuclear weapons for self-protection. Other countries, including Iran and Saudi Arabia, aspire to develop nuclear weapons, increasing the danger that they may fall into the hands of terrorist groups.

For 13 years, Fitzpatrick headed the Non-Proliferation and Nuclear Policy Programme of the International Institute for Strategic Studies, based in London. Before that, he spent 26 years as a career diplomat with the U.S. State Department, where at one time he served as acting deputy assistant secretary for non-proliferation.

Fitzgerald cited 12 reasons why he is pessimistic about arms control and only six reasons why he is optimistic, including the fact that so far nuclear weapons have acted as a deterrence to a worldwide war and that no such weapon has been employed by any nation since 1945.

Howard Davison Is New FPA President

At its annual business meeting on April 25, the Foreign Policy Association elected Howard Davison to be its president for the 2019-2020 program year.

Davison, formerly the FPA vice president, succeeds Michele Sellitto, who has served as FPA president for the past four years. Sellitto is leaving the Harrisburg area and moving to Bucks County.

Daniel Sim was elected vice president to succeed Davison. Other newly elected officers are Secretary Erin Eckerd, succeeding Fay Geegee, and Treasurer Stuart Snyder, succeeding David Green.

The FPA also elected three new board members: Robert Glasscock, Mary Mills, and Sam Wilder. Re-elected to the board were Cathy St. Pierre, Phyllis Skok, Alan Stolberg, and John Taylor.

We Welcome New Members

The Foreign Policy Association now has a record 330 members. We warmly welcome the newest ones: Frank and Sara Frailey, Camp Hill; Larry Hatter, Mechanicsburg; Angela Turri and George Hindson, Elizabethtown; Jane W. Kohn, Harrisburg; Todd and Nancy Richards, Camp Hill; Michael B. and Terri Rosenstein, Camp Hill; Virginia Eanes and Scott Shearer, Harrisburg; Denny and Sally Swartz, Dauphin, and Glenn Wareham, York Haven.

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(The Japan embassy trip to Washington, previously set for May 8, is being rescheduled, date to be announced.)

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