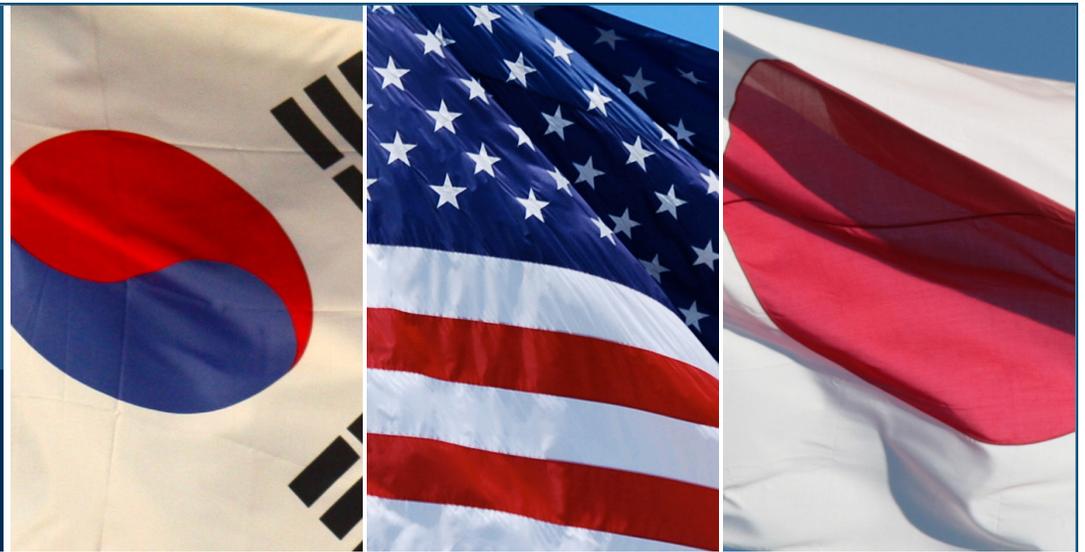




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PACIFIC TRILATERALISM

The United States has few stronger interests in the Asia-Pacific than turning its robust alliances with Japan and the Republic of Korea (ROK) into a trilateral relationship marked by cooperation, good will, and mutual understanding.

Project Objectives

This project identifies ongoing and future security challenges affecting the United States, Japan, and the ROK; proposes recommendations for strengthening their trilateral relationship in the coming decades; and promotes increased discussion of the trilateral relationship within U.S., Japanese, and ROK policymaking communities.

Project Activities

This ambitious initiative will have three phases:

- **Phase I** features a series of briefs by Korean, Japanese, and U.S. experts on important ongoing and future security challenges affecting the trilateral relationship. The experts presented and gathered input at a congressional roundtable event and their recommendations were published in an NBR Special Report.
- **Phase II** will be driven by the formation of a Pacific Trilateral Commission that will meet with policymakers and key stakeholders in all three countries to derive a holistic view of current dynamics in the relationship.
- **Phase III** will incorporate the initial findings from the previous phases into a major policy monograph authored by a principal investigator.

Throughout all three phases, NBR will engage with government officials and policymakers to ensure that the project addresses the issues that are important for our audience and disseminates policy-relevant conclusions and recommendations.

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