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**No Longer Disguised:
The Final Normalization of the Japanese Military?**



Speaker: Dr. Eyal Ben-Ari

(Director of the Kinneret Center for Society, Security and Peace)

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Time: 11:00 a.m.– 12:15 p.m.

Venue: Leung Kau Kui Building Rm 401

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Abstract:

Professor Eyal Ben-Ari contends that processes related to the normalization of Japan's Self Defence Forces are related to questions faced by all of the industrial democracies and to difficulties posed by Japan's peculiar historical context. He believes that any talk of normalizing the armed forces needs to proceed from the defining quality of the military as the legitimate bearer and user of organized state violence. Discussing various forms of normalization, Professor Ben-Ari argues that the broad trajectory characterizing Japan is towards a model similar to that of other democracies.

Speaker:

Eyal Ben-Ari is a professor of anthropology specializing in childcare system and security policy in modern Japan. He taught family and education in Japan at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He is now the Director of the Kinneret Center for Society, Security and Peace in Israeli. He has published a number of single-authored books on Japan, including *Changing Japanese Suburbia* (1991), *Japanese Childcare* (1997) and *Japanese Encounters* (2018)

No Registration required.

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