



INVITATION

The 43rd Stockholm Seminar on Japan

► Fiscal Illusions: Smoke and Mirrors in Japan's Public Spending

Dr. Gene Park

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The Japanese state is often described as small. Nevertheless, many in Japan believe that the state is large, sprawling, and out of control. What are we to make of such differing views?

The seminar will focus on a large off-budget para-state apparatus known as the Fiscal Investment Loan Program (FILP) at the heart of the conundrum. It will provide an overview of the program and discuss its role in a distinctive postwar political bargain, which helped hold the long-ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) together – but which also plays a part in its eventual unraveling.

Gene Park is an assistant professor of political science specializing in political economy at Loyola Marymount University. He is the author of *Spending without Taxation: FILP and the Politics of Public Finance in Japan* (Stanford University Press, 2011). Park's work has or will appear in *Governance*, *Asian Survey*, and *The Pacific Review*. Dr. Park received his PhD in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley.

Discussant:

Åsa Malmström Rognes, Department of Economic History, Uppsala University

The seminar will be moderated by Professor **Marie Söderberg**, Director, EIJS

Date and Time: Tuesday, June 4, 15:00-16:30

Venue: Torsten, 3rd floor

Stockholm School of Economics, Sveavägen 65

Language: English

Please RSVP to nanhee.lee@hhs.se no later than May 31, 2013.

The event is free of charge.

The seminar series is jointly organized by the European Institute of Japanese Studies at Stockholm School of Economics, the East Asia Program at the Swedish Institute of International Affairs, and the Department of Japanese Studies at Stockholm University. It features monthly seminars on Japanese economy, politics and society.

Welcome!

Marie Söderberg

Akihiro Ogawa Linus Hagström

INBJUDAN

KOMMER RÅVARORNA TA SLUT?

Utrikespolitiska institutet (UI) bjuder in till en paneldebatt för att diskutera några av de utmaningar vi står inför i och med den växande efterfrågan på råvaror.

Fram till 2030 beräknas efterfrågan på mat och energi öka med 35 procent och på metaller med 250 procent. Flera rapporter varnar för att ökad efterfrågan på råvaror de närmaste decennierna kan leda till större spänningar mellan länder och ökad social oro. Står vi inför en råvarukris? Kan den i så fall undvikas eller hanteras?

Panel:

Magnus Ericsson, professor i mineralekonomi vid Luleå Tekniska Universitet samt grundare och verkställande direktör Raw Materials Group.

Bo Göransson, före detta generaldirektör på Sida.

Marian Radetzki, professor i nationalekonomi vid Luleå Tekniska Universitet.

Gunilla Reischl, forskare vid UI.

Seminarieret modereras av **Ylva Johnson**, redaktör för Internationella Studier, UI.

Datum: Tisdag 28 maj 2013

Tid: 15.30-17.00. Registrering 15.00-15.30.

Plats: Utrikespolitiska institutet, Drottning Kristinas väg 37, Stockholm.

Kostnad: UI-medlemmar gratis. Icke-medlemmar 100 SEK, vilket inkluderar senaste numret av UI:s tidskrift Internationella Studier.

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UKRAINE'S FOREIGN POLICY: CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE (OSCE)

The Swedish Institute of International Affairs (UI) invites you to a discussion on Ukraine's foreign policy with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine Mr. Leonid Kozhara.

Ukraine is a country of key strategic importance, both politically and because of its geographical location. In 2013, Ukraine holds the important role of Chairman-in-office of the OSCE, an organization with 55 participating states. What are the priorities of Ukraine in this role? What are the key issues in Ukraine's foreign policy, including in relation to the EU? What challenges remain in the region as well as in Ukraine?

Mr. **Leonid Kozhara** is Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine since December 2012 and the OSCE's Chairperson-in-Office. In March 2010 he became advisor to the President of Ukraine Viktor Yanukovich. In 2011 Mr. Kozhara became First Deputy of the Head of Party of Regions. During 2007-2012 Mr. Kozhara was a member of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (parliament) and chair of the parliament groups with a connection to Sweden.

Date: Wednesday May 29, 2013
Time: 16.30-17.30. Registration from 16.00. Doors will close at 16.30.
Location: The Swedish Institute of International Affairs, Drottning Kristinas väg 37, Stockholm.
Seminar fee: UI-members free, non-members 100 SEK
Language: English



LEONID KOZHARA



ANNA JARDFELT



The seminar will be moderated by **Anna Jardfelt**, Director at UI.

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PREDICTABLY SURPRISING - PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN IRAN 2013

The Swedish Institute of International Affairs (UI) invites you to a discussion on the upcoming presidential election in Iran in June. The election takes place in a troubled region. The chaos in Syria is not far away and the sanctions against Iran have affected the country.

The eleventh presidential election in Iran is scheduled to be held on Friday, 14 June 2013. What is the likely outcome of this presidential election? What effect may the election have on the political development in the country? What will be the main challenges for the new president - in the region, and in Iran's relationship with the world? What effect could the election have on Iran's nuclear programme?

Dina Esfandiary is Research Associate at the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament programme at the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS). Her research focuses on non-proliferation and general security in the Middle East, including but not limited to, Iran's nuclear programme and internal security and Syria's WMD programmes.

Rouzbeh Parsi has been Senior Analyst at the European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS) since June 2009. His focus is on Iran, Iraq and the Persian Gulf. Parsi was previously a Lecturer at the Department of Interdisciplinary Human Rights Studies at Lund University. He holds a PhD in History from Lund University on identity formation and nationalism in modern Iran.

Date: Thursday May 30, 2013
Time: 16.30–18.00. Registration from 16.00. Doors will close at 16.30.
Location: The Swedish Institute of International Affairs, Drottning Kristinas väg 37, Stockholm.
Seminar fee: UI-members free, non-members 100 SEK
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The discussions will be moderated by **Per Jönsson**, editor at the Swedish Institute of International Affairs and former correspondent for *Dagens Nyheter*. He has been following the developments in the Middle East since 1967.

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