The question of whether or not to relocate the American military base Futenma from Okinawa, which bears a disproportionate burden of American military bases in Japan, is presently among the most volatile domestic issues in Japan, and thus in U.S.-Japan relations. Five decades after the signing of the revised US-Japan Security Treaty, and two decades after the end of the Cold War, Cold War assumptions still underpin the relationship between the world’s leading industrial democracies. A belated Japanese attempt to change and reform the relationship in 2009-2010 ended in failure and the collapse of the Hatoyama government. Dr. McCormack will address the implications of the now 14-year long attempt to resolve the Okinawan demand for closure and return of the Futenma Marine base.

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