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Dr. Kristi Govella came to the College of Security Studies at the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (DKI APCSS) as an Associate Professor in August 2016. Her primary areas of expertise are Japanese politics, political economy, Asian regional institutional architecture, and the relationship between trade and security. Much of her research examines the intersection of comparative politics and international relations in Asia. Dr. Govella is the co-

editor of two books: *Linking Trade and Security: Evolving Institutions and Strategies in Asia, Europe, and the United States* (2012) and *Responding to a Resurgent Russia: Russian Policy and Responses from the European Union and the United States* (2011). Her work has also appeared in *Asian Survey and Issues and Insights*. Her current book project analyzes the political strategies of foreign firms in Japan across sectors and across time.

Prior to joining the faculty at DKI-APCSS, Dr. Govella completed her Ph.D. in Political Science at the University of California, Berkeley, where she taught courses on Japanese politics, political economy, and research methods. From 2010 to 2013, she was a visiting research fellow at the University of Tokyo and Waseda University, during which time she conducted extensive field research on Japanese economic and security policy. Dr. Govella was the East Asia Project Director of the Berkeley APEC Study Center from 2007 to 2013, where she managed and conducted research on topics such as: Asian institutional architecture; domestic determinants of trade policy; linkages between international trade, traditional security and human security; the effects of the rise of Russia, India, and China on the EU-US relationship; and issues related to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum. She also taught English in Niigata, Japan through the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program and worked briefly at the US Department of State and the US Environmental Protection Agency. Dr. Govella has participated in a number of Track II dialogues around the Asia-Pacific region through the Pacific Forum Young Leaders Program.

Dr. Govella holds a Ph.D. and an M.A. in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley and a B.A. in Political Science and Japanese, Cum Laude with College Honors, from the University of Washington, Seattle. She has been the recipient of awards and fellowships from organizations such as the Japan Foundation, the Blakemore Foundation, Waseda University, the Boren Fellowship Program, the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, the Beinecke Foundation, the Critical Language Scholarship Program, and the UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation. She is proficient in Japanese.