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Dr. Sheila A. Smith, an expert on Japanese politics and foreign policy is *Senior Fellow* for Japan studies at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). Dr. Smith directs the project on Japan's Political Transition and the U.S.-Japan Alliance and the Roundtable Series on Japan and Northeast Asia. She successfully completed the project on *China and India as Emerging Powers: Challenge or Opportunity for the United States and Japan* and CFR's New Regional Security Architecture for Asia Program. She joined CFR from the East-West Center in 2007, where she directed a multinational research team in a cross-national study of the domestic politics of the U.S. military presence in Japan, South Korea, and the Philippines. Dr. Smith was on the faculty of the Department of International Relations at Boston University (1994–2000), and on the staff of the Social Science Research Council (1992–1993). She has been a visiting researcher at two leading Japanese foreign and security policy think tanks, the Japan Institute of International

Affairs and the Research Institute for Peace and Security, and at the University of Tokyo and the University of the Ryukyus. Dr. Smith earned her PhD and MA degrees from the Department of Political Science at Columbia University. She regularly contributes to CFR's Asia Unbound blog (blogs.cfr.org/asia). Her newest book, *Japanese Domestic Politics and a Rising China*, was published from Columbia University Press. She is a panelist of U.S. CULCON and commissioner of the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission and serves as vice-chair for both.

Ms. Peggy Blumenthal

Ms. Peggy Blumenthal is Senior Counselor to the President of Institute of International Education (IIE).

A private not-for-profit organization with 650 staff members in 19 offices around the globe, IIE is a world leader in academic exchange and the development of globally-competent professionals and future leaders. With 30 years of service at IIE, Ms. Blumenthal became its Chief Operating Officer in 2005, transitioning to the role of Senior Counselor to IIE President in 2011. Her earlier responsibilities at IIE included supervision of its international offices, research, and educational services.

Before joining IIE, Ms. Blumenthal served as Assistant Director of Stanford University's Overseas Studies and then as Coordinator of Graduate Services/Fellowships for the University of Hawaii's Center for Asian and Pacific Studies. Her earlier work focused on the development of U.S.-China exchanges as a staff member of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations and the Asia Society's China Council.



Selected publications include *International Students and Global Mobility in Higher Education: National Trends and New Directions* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2011), co-edited with Dr. Rajika Bhandari, and an earlier co-edited volume, *Academic Mobility in a Changing World: Regional and Global Trends* (Jessica Kingsley, 1990). Articles include “Virtual and Physical Mobility: A View from the U.S.” in ACA’s *The Virtual Challenge to International Cooperation in Higher Education*; a co-authored article in *The Europa World of Learning*, “Global Student Mobility: Moving Towards Brain Exchange”, and “Expanding Study Abroad in the STEM Fields: A Case Study of U.S. and German Programs,” in *The Online Journal for Global Engineering*. Ms. Blumenthal holds a B.A. from Harvard University in Modern Chinese History and an M.A. in American Studies from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She chairs the Board of JCIE-USA (Japan Center for International Exchange) and serves on the Boards of the Hong Kong–America Center and the Global Engineering Education Exchange, a student exchange consortium of 65 engineering schools around the world.

Ms. Paige Cottingham-Streater



Ms. Cottingham-Streater directs the work of the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission. Ms. Cottingham-Streater is executive director of the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission, an independent federal agency that provides grants for research, training and exchange with Japan; and Secretary-General of the U.S. CULCON (U.S.-Japan Conference on Cultural and Educational Interchange), a binational advisory panel to the United States and Japanese governments. She also serves as executive director of the U.S.-Japan Bridging Foundation, a U.S. non-profit organization that promotes U.S.-Japan relations and awards scholarships to U.S. undergraduate students to study abroad in Japan.

Serving in these leadership positions, Ms. Cottingham-Streater is responsible for providing strategic direction, increasing the visibility of the important bilateral relationship between Japan and the United States, and promoting educational and cultural exchange. Ms. Cottingham-Streater has extensive experience in public service, non-profit management, including public-private partnerships, and U.S.-Japan relations.

Prior to joining the Commission, Ms. Cottingham-Streater served as Deputy Executive Director of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation where she worked for sixteen years. In addition to providing strategic leadership for the Mansfield Foundation, she directed the Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program, a Congressionally-established professional exchange for mid-level federal government employees.

Before joining the Mansfield Foundation, Ms. Cottingham-Streater was Director for the U.S.-Japan Project at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies in Washington, DC., where she conducted research and managed U.S.-Japan programming. Previously, she served as Counsel and Legislative Assistant in the office of Congressman Donald M. Payne (D-NJ). She was also a participant in the Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme (JET), a staff attorney at the U.S. Department of Treasury, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and a law clerk at U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Marshals Service.

Ms. Cottingham-Streater is the recipient of Japan’s Foreign Minister’s Commendation in recognition of her longstanding work to strengthen U.S.-Japan relations. The award, made on March 31, 2004, commemorated the 150th anniversary of the Treaty of Peace and Amity between Japan and the United States.

Ms. Cottingham-Streater received her Juris Doctor from the National Law Center at George Washington University. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Connecticut College in Government and Asian Studies. Ms. Cottingham-Streater has written articles for publications of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, and she has spoken on U.S.-Japan relations at numerous conferences in the United States and Japan.