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### **Japan's Demographic Crisis: A Security Issue**

**Speaker: Professor Bradley WILLIAMS**

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**Date: 16 April 2015 (Thursday)**

**Time: 15:00-16:30**

**Venue: Leung Kau Kui Building, Room 401**

**Language: English**

#### Abstract:

This presentation examines Japan's demographic crisis. It begins with an overview of the twin phenomena of population ageing and decline that together have triggered the demographic crisis in Japan. The presentation then explores the implications of this crisis from both a human and traditional security perspective. It then addresses some of the measures the Japanese government has adopted to deal with the problem, focusing, in particular, on the issue of immigration. Domestic advocates of large-scale immigration face the challenges of lobbying for an overhaul of government policies in a country where many perceive the presence of foreigners, especially (Asian) undocumented workers, as a threat to public safety and order – with some even seeing them as a threat to national security. Japan is in a state of a muted immigration security dilemma, with many people worried about the impact a large influx of migrants would have on what is still a relatively homogeneous nation.

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