

# A Nation Divided or Reborn?

## The Future of the U.S. under Trump 2.0

### ***Why Did the American People Choose the Trump Administration Again?***

The dividing line in American society today is no longer the traditional ideological battle between conservatives and liberals. Instead, many agree that it has shifted to a deepening divide between the economic "haves" and "have-nots," driven by widening inequality. This disparity has become so severe that it has even led to the phenomenon of "deaths of despair" among working-class Americans.

As the United States grapples with these challenges, what path lies ahead for its national renewal?

To explore this question, Oren Cass—a prominent policy thinker who has been shaping public policy discussions in the U.S., particularly in collaboration with figures like Vice President J.D. Vance and Secretary of State Marco Rubio since their time in the Senate—will make his first visit to Japan to share his insights and approach.

The discussion will be moderated by Hirotugu Aida, a historian of political thought and journalist, whose recent book *Why Is Trump Still Supported?* (Toyo Keizai) examines the enduring appeal of Trumpism.



#### **【Speaker】**

**Oren Cass**    **Founder of American Compass, Chief Economist**

Oren Cass is the founder and chief economist of American Compass and author of *The Once and Future Worker: A Vision for the Renewal of Work in America* (2018). He is a contributing writer for the Financial Times and the New York Times. From 2005 to 2015, Oren worked as a management consultant in Bain & Company. During this period, he also earned his J.D. magna cum laude from Harvard Law School. Oren also became Domestic Policy Director for Governor Mitt Romney's 2012 presidential campaign. He founded American Compass at the start of 2020.



#### **【Moderator】**

**Hirotugu Aida**    **Journalist/Intellectual Historian**

Hirotugu (Hiro) Aida is a journalist and intellectual historian. After graduating from Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Aida joined Kyodo News in 1976. He worked as a Washington correspondent, Geneva bureau chief, Washington bureau chief, and senior writer. Aida held the positions of full professor at Aoyama Gakuin University, visiting professor at Kansai University. Aida is an author with several notable works on the conservative political thought in the US in Japanese.

**Date : Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm (Doors Open : 6:00pm)**

**Venue : Kioi Conference**

(1-4 Kioicho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Kioi Tower 4th floor) \*Nagata-cho St., Akasaka-mitsuke Sta.



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