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Panel 4.3: Conflict Resolution in International Settings

**Reflections on Joint US-Japan War Commemorations**

When Japanese and American veterans agreed to meet each other in Honolulu in 1991 for the 50th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, the gesture of reconciliation created huge controversies. This presentation will compare that moment with other joint commemoration ceremonies leading to the recent fireworks event sponsored by Nagaoka and Honolulu, "sister cities," held on August 15, 2015, to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II. The changing of generations as well as the geopolitical contexts strongly influence the perceptions of joint commemoration.