

## Kent E. Calder

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A specialist in East Asian political economy, Calder has spent fifteen years living and researching in East Asia, including eleven years in Japan and three years in Myanmar. His most recent work is Asia in Washington: Exploring the Penumbra of Transnational Power (2014); The New Continentalism: Energy and Twenty-First Century Eurasian Geopolitics ( 2012 ), which was also translated during 2013 into Japanese and Korean. Other recent works include The Making of Northeast Asia, (co-author , 2010); Pacific Alliance: Reviving U.S.-Japan Relations (2009); East Asian Multilateralism: Prospects for Regional Stability, co-editor (2008); and Embattled Garrisons: Comparative Base Politics and American Globalism (2007). His current research relates to comparative health-care and energy policies in Pacific nations. Dr. Calder is a frequent participant and speaker in major international conferences, including the Boao Forum for Asia, as well as the World Economic Forum Summer Davos.

"I got interested [in Japan] after the Nixon Shocks of 1971, which occurred while I was in Hawaii, during the summer after my first year in graduate school at Harvard. It was clear that Japan was out of phase with the world-- growing in importance, yet not well understood. Edwin Reischauer had no Ph.D. students in Japanese politics, even though he had been Ambassador, was a wonderful teacher, and had tremendous influence in Japan. So I resolved to work with him."