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Walker leads Japan Society to create deep bonds between the US & Japan through programs in culture, education, business, policy & technology

Joshua W. Walker Ph.D. is President & CEO of Japan Society, the nation's leading non-profit organization dedicated to fostering deep, meaningful connection and exchange between the United States and Japan. From his base in New York City, Walker oversees a wide array of programs in arts and culture, business, policy, technology, and education to promote greater mutual understanding and collaboration between the two countries and societies. Previously he worked at Eurasia Group, the world's premier political risk analysis firm, where he served as global head of strategic initiatives and Japan in the Office of the President. He actively expanded global events and new business offerings, including leading the company's first "GZERO" geopolitical summit in Japan. He also worked with clients worldwide with a focus on Japan and in a variety of sectors to evaluate global geopolitical risks. Walker has more than two decades of experience in international business and diplomacy. Prior to Eurasia Group, he was CEO and president of the USA Pavilion of the 2017 World Expo in Astana, Kazakhstan; founding dean of the APCO Institute; and senior vice president of global programs at APCO Worldwide, a leading global strategic communications firm. Before joining the private sector, he worked in numerous roles at U.S. government agencies, including the State Department and the Defense Department. He is a Senior Fellow at the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress and teaches at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs. He co-founded the Yale Journal of International Affairs and Young Professionals in Foreign Policy in New York. He has taught at several academic institutions, served on multiple boards, and won various awards along with being a Presidential Leadership Scholar, Trilateral Commission Rockefeller Fellow, Mansfield Foundation Network for the Future Member, Transatlantic Fellow at the German Marshall Fund of the United States, Munich Young Leader, Council on Foreign Relations Member, Fulbright Scholar, Foreign Policy Initiative Future Leader, Sister Cities International Honorary Board Member and Truman National Security Project Fellow. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Richmond, a master's degree from Yale University, and a doctorate from Princeton University. Walker grew up in Japan where his parents still serve as missionaries, came to the United States when he was 18, and is bicultural and multilingual.

Corporate Leadership, International Affairs, Public Policy

UN, Conflict, Diplomacy, Asia Minor, Japanese Language, East Asia, National Security, Technology, Policy, Arts and Culture, International Development, Politics, International Relations, Foreign Policy, Public Policy, Not for Profit Leadership, Business, Japan, New York City, Geopolitics, U.S. Politics, Turkey, Geopolitical Risk, Strategic Communications, Global NGOs, History

Contributing Editor, The Japan Times

Digital Fishbowl Discussion: A (Strategic) Balancing Act: NATO in an Era of Great Power Competition

NATO 2030 Youth Summit

Princeton University
Ph.D. Politics and Public Policy

Yale University
M.A. International Relations

University of Richmond
B.A. Leadership Studies

Inaugural Young Society Leader
2012 The American Turkish Society

Future Leader
2011 Foreign Policy Initiative

Inaugural Top 99 Foreign Policy Leaders Under 33
2011 Diplomatic Courier and Young Professionals in Foreign Policy

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Dr. Joshua Walker was essential to the team, and contributed significantly to the success of the USA Pavilion at Astana World Expo 2017, bringing intelligence, leadership and creativity to any project he was involved in. He is a take-charge person who is able to present creative solutions to complex problems, a trustworthy individual and I will always hold him in the highest esteem. He showed a high level of leadership, motivation, management skills and was a main contributor to the U.S. participation at the EXPO 2017. Dr. Walker is a detail, target oriented, ambitious and strong leader, his knowledge is vast and extensive. Has an easiness to build interpersonal relations with others. As a leader or team member, Dr. Joshua Walker earns my highest recommendation.

Alexis Lenderman-Black

I had the pleasure of being a student of Dr. Walker during the Leadership and the American Presidency Program in Washington, DC for the fall 2018 semester. Dr. Walker is by far one of the best professors I've ever had because he goes above and beyond to get his students outside of the typical classroom setting to gain hands-on and real-life experience. Even after the program has ended, he still provides mentorship and guidance. Dr. Walker invests in his students and wants nothing but the best for them. I look forward to possibly taking another course with Dr. Walker and learning from his servant leadership style.

Erick Jenkins

Dr. Walker was my professor during my time in DC in 2017. More importantly Dr. Walker was a mentor in leadership. He taught my cohort the intricacies of leadership and the American presidency. I learned from Dr. Walker about American democracy and the hardships of some of the greatest American presidents. I commend Dr. Walker for taking the time out of his busy international schedule to teach those aspiring to be like him.

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