

DEMOCRACY With A GUN

America & the Policy of Force

Appearance, discussion and signing by the distinguished journalist

Mr. Fumio Matsuo

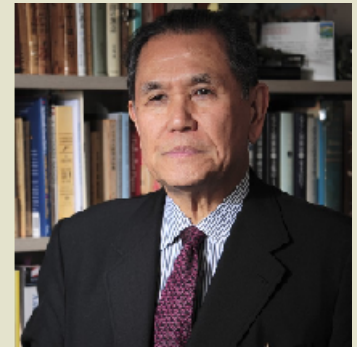
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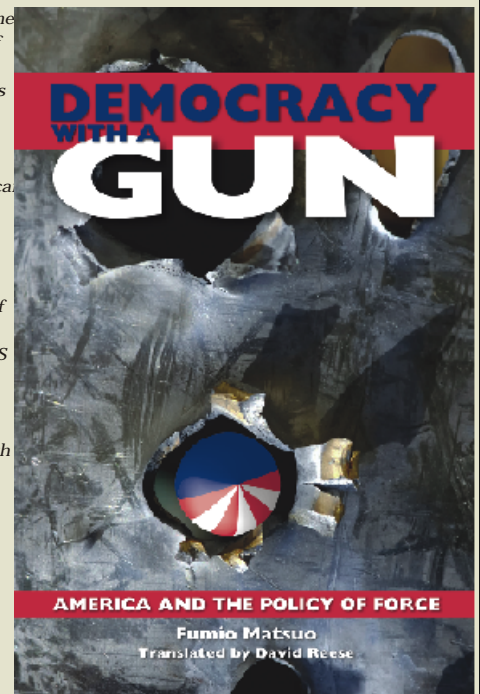


Fumio Matsuo has been a foreign correspondent covering US events for over 40 years including the Viet Nam anti-war movement, the social upheavals under President Johnson, and the emergence of Richard Nixon and his presidency. He was Washington bureau chief of Kyodo News during the Reagan years and has a unique and well-informed perspective to comment on the issues and events that characterize US foreign policy and behavior.

In writing Democracy with a Gun, Mr. Matsuo drew on his early experiences growing up in wartime and post-war Japan, as well as his many years as a newsman covering the international and American scenes. His book discusses some of America's founding values, including the right to bear arms under the Second Amendment and the effect that has had on American wars, culminating with the current Iraq conflict.

Democracy with a Gun was first published in Japanese in 2004 and won the 52nd Annual Award of the Japan Essayist Club. "Tokyo Needs its Dresden Moment," his editorial in The Wall Street Journal on August 13, 2005, generated significant discussion on the nature of reconciliation between the US and Japan.

His appearance provides potential readers with a rare opportunity to meet and discuss his view of American history through his own experience, starting with the traumatic Encounter as a child with US bombing raids.



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