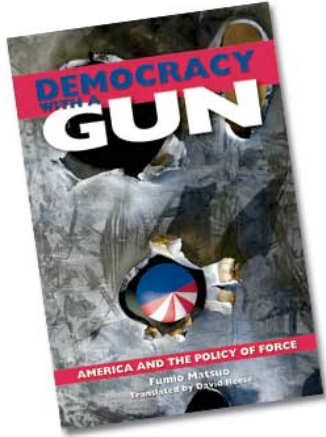


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# DEMOCRACY WITH A GUN-

## AMERICA AND THE POLICY OF FORCE



**A lecture by Mr. Fumio Matsuo**

Moderated by Bill Plante, CBS White House Correspondent

**November 7, 2007 6:30 pm**

**In the JICC auditorium**

Fumio Matsuo will be lecturing at the JICC to promote the publishing of the English translation of his book *Democracy with a Gun— America and the Policy of Force*. Mr. Matsuo has covered news in the United States for forty years and served twice in Washington, once as a young correspondent and then as bureau chief of Kyodo News in the late 1960's and early 1980's, respectively. He is one of Japan's most respected international journalists.

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.

While fairly and objectively tracing the roots of American power and current international dominance, Mr. Matsuo analyzes the nature of the US-Japan relationship in modern times, focusing on the reasons why the two countries went to war and how such an enormous tragedy can be avoided in the future.

*Democracy with a Gun* was first published in Japanese in 2004 and won the 52nd Annual Award of the Japan Essayist Club.



**Bill Plante** has been a CBS News White house correspondent from 1981-1989 and from 1992 to the present. Mr. Plante has won four Emmy Awards for his reporting work, including for his coverage of the historic Reagan-Gorbachev summit of 1986. Mr. Plante has been a staple of the world news community since 1964 and is widely regarded as a leader in news reporting. He has also been a long-time friend of Mr. Matsuo's from their time covering the Reagan White House in the early 1980's.

***This event is free and open to the public. Reservations are required.***

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