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ORDER OF THE RISING SUN Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon

Professor Marie Anchordoguy (IUC '83) is professor emerita in the Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington and specializes in the political economy of Japan. She received her undergraduate, masters and Ph.D. degrees from the University of California, Berkeley. Her research is focused primarily on the key institutions and policies of Japan's capitalist system, and she is currently researching the political economy of entrepreneurship, venture capital, and high-tech start-ups in Japan.

Her first book, *Computers, Inc.: Japan's Challenge to IBM* (Harvard University Press, 1989), examined Japan's state and corporate efforts to build a computer hardware industry. Her next book, *Reprogramming Japan: The High Tech Crisis Under Communitarian Capitalism* (Cornell University Press, 2005), analyzed why Japan was slow to change its capitalist institutions even when there were clear economic reasons to do so. This book was also published in Japanese in 2011 as “Nihon Keizai no Sai-Sekkei: Kyodotai Shihon Shugi to Haiteku sangyo no mirai.”

Prof. Anchordoguy has served on various boards and committees, such as the Blakemore Foundation, the Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies, the Japan Policy Research Institute, the National Bureau of Asian Research's US-Japan Discussion Forum, and the Social Science Research Council's Abe Fellowship Program. She has been a visiting professor at Hitotsubashi University and Rikkyo University, and a Research Fellow at Japan's National Institute of Science and Technology Policy in its Science and Technology Agency.

Prof. Anchordoguy was awarded the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon, in Autumn of 2025 in recognition of her contributions towards “promoting academic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States.”