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128 Populist parties and right wing parties: A new auxiliary line for understanding contemporary Europe We must end labeling populist parties as "extreme right" if we want to understand the essence of who they are. Right-wing, left-wing, and liberal are all relative values, so the key position becomes what they're "against." The author explores the "world becoming more populist" through multiple perspectives. Jiro Mizushima (Chiba University)

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# 32 Restarting Japan-U.S. economic relationship: Scope and efficacy of high-level dialogues Japan-U.S. economic dialogue has begun under the auspices of Deputy Prime Minister Taro Aso and Vice President Mike Pence. The phrase "bilateral negotiations" conjure up painful memories of the former Japan-U.S. Structural Impediments Initiative - but how will things turn out this time? Kanji Yamanouchi (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

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Will the world shift towards protectionism with the Trump administration withdrawing from TPP? The author argues that there will be no prosperity without deepening economic integration for ASEAN countries, and looks at the ways in which new frameworks such as RCEP is exploring the future. Fukunari Kimura (Keio University)

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