

## 2019 World Bosai Forum Session report: The Disaster Riskscape Across Asia-Pacific: Asia-Pacific Disaster Report 2019 (ESCAP) (2019/11/12)

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Venue: Sendai International Center (Shirakashi 2)

Associate Prof. Kanako Iuchi of IRIDeS (Human and Social Response Research Division) participated in a session organized by United Nations ESCAP titled “The Disaster Riskscape Across Asia-Pacific: Asia-Pacific Disaster Report 2019” during the World Bosai Forum 2019. This session aimed to showcase the newly published report, the Asia Pacific Disaster Report 2019, by UNESCAP and present its key findings to the audience. It also aimed “to build the capacity of researchers to undertake policy-relevant research on Disaster Risk Reduction, and to identify opportunities for research collaboration to support future editions of the Asia Pacific Disaster Report” (UNESCAP 2019).

Kanako Iuchi’s presentation titled “Can risk informed land use plan help the poor?” addressed an emerging issue of community relocation that is increasingly adopted as a remedy for hazard risk reduction. While distancing communities from hazards apparently reduce communities’ exposure to risk, it alternatively increases social and economic risk. Poor are often the most affected, as they turn out to be the target of relocation and while heavily relying on social capital at a normal time for everyday survival.

A panel discussion was held after the five presentations, where participants raised questions to the five panelists. Some questions included:

- How have you ensured that the research you have presented today is targeting the people that are most vulnerable to disasters?
- How do you keep up with research ethics?



Prof. Iuchi talks about land use and poor



Panel discussion