

Hybrid Book Break: Pursuing Justice after the Great East Japan Earthquake, Tsunami, and Fukushima Nuclear Accident (2024/1/26)

Theme: The Great East Japan Earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster

Place: IRIDeS, Sendai and online

IRIDeS faculty Asst. Prof. Julia Gerster and Assoc. Prof. Akihiro Shibayama (Disaster Culture and Archive Studies) organized a hybrid book break together with Dr. Natalia Novikova from Tamagawa University and Dr. Manuela Hartwig, research associate at the NIES, on January 26, 2024 to celebrate the release of *Japan's Triple Disaster. Pursuing Justice after the Great East Japan Earthquake, Tsunami, and Fukushima Nuclear Accident* published by Routledge and edited by Natalia Novikova, Julia Gerster and Manuela Hartwig. Participants joined at IRIDeS and online. Dr. Novikova reported on the background of editing the book in her introduction before three of the authors presented the main arguments of their chapters. Tokyo University Prof. Mariko Ogawa's presentation shed light on domestic violence in the aftermath of the Great East Japan Earthquake. She highlighted how structural injustices exacerbate vulnerabilities, particularly for women, in disaster-affected areas. Kota Kawasaki, Professor at Fukushima University, provided a comprehensive overview of the recovery and revitalization efforts implemented in the aftermath of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Disaster. Tohoku University Associate Prof. Alyne Delaney's presentation focused on the impacts of rebuilding efforts in coastal Miyagi communities. She highlighted how infrastructural interventions, such as lowering mountains and building sea walls, affects place attachments and local people's feelings towards recovery. Following the presentations and comments, a lively discussion moderated ensued with contributions from other authors, including Natalia Novikova, Manuela Hartwig, Katsuyuki Hidaka, Assoc. Prof. Maly Elizabeth (International Research Collaboration Office), Akiko Ishihara, and Sunhee Lee. Topics ranged from the role of community engagement in disaster recovery to the importance of gender-sensitive approaches in policy formulation.

Additional information on the book can be found here:

<https://www.routledge.com/Japans-Triple-Disaster-Pursuing-Justice-after-the-Great-East-Japan-Earthquake/Novikova-Gerster-Hartwig/p/book/9781032375465>



The participating authors in front of the IRIDeS sign

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