

Members of IRIDeS organised the workshop at UCL IRDR (2024/02/27)

Thema : International collaborate、 Disaster science
 Venue : University College London, UK

Dr Hejeong Park (Assistant Professor of Disaster Medical Informatics Lab) and Dr Miwako Kitamura (Researcher (Specially Appointed) of International Research Collaboration Office) visited University College London (UCL) to discuss future research collaborations between Tohoku University and UCL. These discussions aimed to foster educational collaboration with an international and comprehensive approach to managing frequent disasters. Their visit also included participation in classes at UCL, highlighting the benefits of educational cooperation and the potential for specific future research projects.

Educational Activities at UCL:

Dr Park and Dr Kitamura attended lectures organised by Dr Punam and Dr Estella. Dr Kitamura contributed to a lecture for the UCL IRDR Master's course on social vulnerability, focusing on a case study from Japan. Additionally, in February, she collaborated with an LGBTQ+ group in Japan to deliver an online lecture.

Various Meetings at UCL:

Dr Kitamura visited UCL and met with international collaboration officers and academic staff. These meetings underscored the ten-year collaboration between Tohoku University and UCL IRDR, focusing on joint research initiatives led by members of the UCL IRDR. Moreover, the engagement included a meeting for the UCL Youth Challenge programme, organised by Professor Ohuma.

Workshop Details:

The workshop featured Professor Alexander, a leading researcher in disaster management, and Dr Punam Yadav (Deputy Director, IRDR Centre for Gender and Disaster Research, UCL) as moderators. The discussions involved UCL researchers and a curator from the Museum of London, focusing on enhancing collaboration with the Institute and international contributions by integrating a social perspective into disaster research in Japan. Dr Park presented on the inclusion of disabled individuals in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), emphasising the critical role of social vulnerability perspectives in disaster research, especially in Japan, where disasters are frequent.



Workshop poster



Workshop Photo



Group photo at lecture

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