

Open Lecture

**Towards Gender Equality:
The Icelandic (and Nordic) Experience**

Speaker: Dr. Kristin Ingvarsdóttir (Assistant Professor of Contemporary Japanese Studies,
University of Iceland, Faculty of Languages and Cultures)

Date: 15:10-16:20, Thursday, May 9, 2024

Venue: SH-W303

Language: English

Summary: In recent decades, Iceland has garnered international attention for its efforts to close the gender gap. Dr. Ingvarsdóttir discussed the development of the women's movement and the current state of gender equality in Iceland, while also looking to the other Nordic countries for comparison. Further, Dr. Ingvarsdóttir drew on examples from Icelandic-Japanese relations to demonstrate how the experience of a small society like Iceland can benefit other countries.

Open Lecture And Symposium

Gender and Ethics of Care

Open Lecture

How Care Ethics Challenge Some Traditions of Modern Western Political Thought

Speaker: Prof. Joan Tronto (Professor Emerita, University of Minnesota)

Date: 13:20-14:30, Friday, May 24, 2024

Venue: International Conference Room, Kiyoshi Togasaki Memorial Dialogue House

Language: English

Discussant: Olivier Ammour-Mayeur (Director, Center for Gender Studies, ICU)

Co-Sponsor: ICU Center for Gender Studies

Dr. Tronto explored the origins of care ethics as a type of argument in political theory and assessed the ways in which care political theory challenges modern western political thought. In order to make this assessment, her paper explored the context in which care ethics arose, the ways in which other feminist arguments also challenged some assumptions of prevailing political theory, and the ways in which “modern” political theory distanced itself from concerns about “care” which did feature earlier in the Western intellectual tradition. The paper then explored some of the ways that modernity requires the subordination of care. The presentation ended by suggesting the challenges that care political theory continues to pose today, and proposed some directions in which modern democratic commitments might evolve in order to make caring democracy plausible.

Symposium

**Caring is an Activity, Democracy is an Activity:
Beyond Capitalism and Protection**

Speaker: Prof. Joan Tronto (Professor Emerita, University of Minnesota)

Date: 13:10-15:40, Saturday, May 25, 2024

Venue: T-171

Language: English

Chair: Takeda Hiroko (Nagasaki University)

Discussant: Kana Takamatsu (Center for Gender Studies, ICU), Dongyae Kim (Yonsei University)

Co-Sponsors: ICU Center for Gender Studies, Japanese Conference for the Study of Political Thought

(Inviter: Takashi Kibe)

**Overcoming Isolationism:
Japan's Leadership in East Asian Security Multilateralism**

Speaker: Prof. Paul Midford (Meiji Gakuin University, Department of Global and Transcultural Studies)

Date: 13:50-15:00, Wednesday, June 5, 2024

Venue: SH-E302

Language: English

Dr. Midford's presentation asked why, in the wake of the Cold War, Japan suddenly reversed years of steadfast opposition to security cooperation with its neighbors. Long isolated and opposed to multilateral agreements, Japan proposed East Asia's first multilateral security forum in 1991, thrusting itself into an unexpected leadership role in regional security. Based on his recent book *Overcoming Isolationism*, Midford explored what led to this surprising about-face and offers a corrective to the common misconception that Japan's security strategy is just reactive to US pressure and unresponsive to its neighbors. He draws on newly released official documents and extensive interviews to reveal a quarter century of Japanese leadership in promoting regional security cooperation. He demonstrated that Japan has a much more nuanced relationship with its neighbors and has played a more significant leadership role in shaping East Asian security than has previously been recognized.

(Inviter: Wilhelm Vosse)

Symposium

Why Should We Protect Refugees?

Refugee protection in the global North is currently in a situation of crisis as wealthy countries increasingly place barriers in the path of asylum. These barriers force asylum seekers into dangerous voyages and create huge inequalities in the way responsibility for protection is distributed across the world's states. Taking this crisis as a starting point, Dr. Gibney examined the fundamental question of why states like Japan and the UK have a moral responsibility to protect refugees. Gibney outlined four different answers. These stem, respectively, from considerations of humanitarianism, harm, community, and the system of states. While the existence of a range of different rationales to support a duty to grant asylum should hearten anyone in favor of improving refugee protection, he showed why choosing between them raises difficult political questions.

Date: June 27, 2024

Venue: International Conference Room, Kiyoshi Togasaki Memorial Dialogue House

Speaker: Professor Matthew J. Gibney (Elizabeth Colson Professor of Politics and Forced Migration, Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford)

General Moderator: Prof. Naoko Hashimoto (ICU)

Language: English (Simultaneous interpreting services available)

Co-sponsors: Japan ICU Foundation, JSPS Kakenhi 23K12425

Co-hosts: ICU SSRI, ICU Rotary Peace Center

Cooperation: Iwanami Shoten

Program

Time	Topic
12:30-12:45	Welcome Remarks: Shoichiro Iwakiri, ICU President
12:45-13:30	Keynote Speech: Prof. Matthew J. Gibney (University of Oxford)
13:30-14:30	Panel Discussion: Prof. Kihara-Hunt Ai (University of Tokyo) Ms. Nacken Ritsu (Deputy Representative of UNHCR Tokyo Office) Ms. Luz Maria Carreno (ICU Rotary Peace Fellow) Moderator: Asst. Prof. Brian Aycock (ICU SSRI)
14:30-14:50	Tea Break
14:50-15:50	Q&A Session
15:50-16:00	Closing Remarks: Prof. Osamu Arakaki (Director, ICU Rotary Peace Center)
16:00-16:30	Meet the Author Session with Dr. Naoko Hashimoto

Conveners: Osamu Arakaki and Naoko Hashimoto

公開講演会

「ポスト・パンデミック」の社会と世界

講 師：村上陽一郎（東京大学・国際基督教大学名誉教授、日本アспен研究所副理事長）

日 時：2024 年 10 月 3 日（木）13:15-15:00

場 所：T-364

言 語：日本語

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（招聘：加藤恵津子）

Nationalism and War: The Long-Term Perspective

Speaker: Dr. Andreas Wimmer (Lieber Professor of Sociology and Political Philosophy,
Columbia University)

Date: October 10, 2024

Venue: International Conference Room, Kiyoshi Togasaki Memorial Dialogue House

Language: English

Nationalism demands that states be ruled by representatives of the nation, rather than by a dynasty or in the name of an imperial civilization. Nationalism has radically transformed the political world during the past 250 years and provided the ideological underpinning of many of the wars between and within states that were fought over this period. The talk highlights the mechanisms and pathways through which the global spread of nationalism led to the often-violent break-up of empires, to wars between newly independent nation-states over ethnically mixed territories, and to civil wars over the ethno-political balance of power in these new states. It also offers two short excursus that seek to understand the Ukraine war and the Gaza conflict from this global comparative and long-term historical perspective.

(Inviter: Giorgio Shani)

Open Lecture

US Presidential Election from Interdisciplinary Perspectives

Speakers: Christian Collet (Senior Associate Professor of Political Science and International Relations), Claire Ravenscroft (Assistant Professor of American Literature), Insang Hwang (Senior Associate Professor of Economics), Allen Kim (Senior Associate Professor of Sociology), Brian Aycock (Assistant Professor by Special Appointment, SSRI)

Date: 13:15-15:00, Thursday, October 17, 2024

Venue: SH-S102

Language: English

What is going on in a divided America? What will happen after Super Tuesday? Professors of American Studies discussed the key issues and the global impact of the 2024 US presidential election from interdisciplinary perspectives.

(Convener: Katsuhiko Mori)

Open Lecture

Algorithms of Anxiety: Fear in the Digital Age

Speaker: Anthony Elliott (Distinguished Professor of Sociology at the University of South Australia)

Date: 13:50-16:20, Thursday, November 21, 2024

Venue: International Conference Room, Kiyoshi Togasaki Memorial Dialogue House

Language: English

Anthony Elliott examined how machine learning algorithms are not only transforming global institutions but also rewriting our personal lives. He told this story through a wide-ranging analysis, which takes in ChatGPT, Amazon, the Metaverse, Martin Ford, Netflix, Uber, Bernard Stiegler, Squid Game, Kate Crawford, LaMDA, Byung-Chul Han, autonomous drones, Jean Baudrillard and the automation of warfare.

(Inviter: Giorgio Shani)

44TH ICU SSRI-Sophia IGC Symposium

ICU SSRI, Sophia University IGC & Nagasaki University RECNA Joint
Symposium

Nuclear War in Northeast Asia? Early Warnings, Risk Reduction, and Denuclearization

Date: December 6 & 7, 2024

Venue: International Conference Room, Kiyoshi Togasaki Memorial Dialogue House,
International Christian University

Co-sponsors: ICU Social Science Research Institute (SSRI), Sophia University's Institute
of Global Concern (IGC), Nagasaki University's Research Center for Nuclear
Weapons Abolition (RECNA)

Language: English

Friday, December 6: International Symposium

Time	Topic
9:00-10:00	Opening Session Welcome Greetings: Katsuhiko Mori (Director, SSRI, ICU) Keynote Speech: Morton Halperin via Zoom (former Director, Policy Planning Staff, US Department of State) "Towards a NWFZ in Northeast Asia"
10:10-11:20	Session I: First Strike? The Rise of Preemptive Doctrines and the Rising Risk of War Jae-Jung Suh (Program Chair, SSRI, ICU) "The Lure to Preempt Weapons, the Risk to Precipitate War Gregory Kulacki (East Asia Project Manager, Union of Concerned Scientists) "Contemporary US-China Relations and the Problem of Extended Nuclear Deterrence in East Asia" Discussants: Weeksik Cheong (Director, Peace Network) Fumihiko Yoshida (Director, Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition, Nagasaki University)

Time	Topic
11:30-12:40	<p>Session II: Risk Management and Reduction</p> <p>Peter Hayes via Zoom (Director, Nautilus Institute for Security and Sustainability) “Comprehensive Security Roadmap to Denuclearize the Korean Peninsula”</p> <p>Van Jackson via Zoom (Senior Lecturer, Victoria University of Wellington) “Peacemaking and Nuclear Precarity: Practical Solutions to Preventing World War III”</p> <p>Discussants: Michiru Nishida (Professor, School of Global Humanities and Social Sciences, Nagasaki University) Brian Aycock (Assistant Professor by Special Appointment, SSRI, ICU)</p>
12:40-13:50	Lunch
13:50-15:00	<p>Session III: Proactive Diplomacy and Early Warnings</p> <p>Sayo Saruta (Director, New Diplomacy Initiative) “Institutionalization of Multi-Truck Diplomacy”</p> <p>A-Young Moon (Representative, PeaceMOMO) “Security as commons, civil space for conflict prevention and peace-building”</p> <p>Discussants: Tobias Weiss (Associate Professor, Faculty of Global Studies, Sophia University) Keiko Nakamura (Associate Professor, RECNA, Nagasaki University)</p>
15:10-16:20	<p>Session IV: C3 Security Regime and Denuclearization</p> <p>Tatsujiro Suzuki (Professor, RECNA, Nagasaki University) & Jae-Jung Suh “Proposing NWFZ 2.0 and C3 Regime”</p> <p>Rebecca Johnson via Zoom (founding Director, Acronym Institute) “Using the TPNW to reframe security and denuclearization dialogues and NWFZ strategies in Northeast Asia”</p> <p>Discussants: Kimiaki Kawai (Vice Director, RECNA, Nagasaki University) Wilhelm Vosse (Chair, Department of Politic and International Studies, ICU)</p>
16:20-17:00	<p>Closing Session</p> <p>Wrap-up Statement: Hiromichi Umebayashi (Special Advisor, Peace Depot)</p> <p>Concluding Remark: Hyang-Suk Kwon via Zoom (Deputy Director, Institute of Global Concern, Sophia University)</p> <p>Joint Prayer: Jeremiah Alberg (Acting Director, Religious Center, ICU) and Father Juan Haidar (Professor, Faculty of Theology, Sophia University)</p>

Saturday, December 7: Peace-building Scenario Workshop

Time	Topic
10:10-12:40	<p>Discussion on policy implications (Open to the public)</p> <p>Opening Remark: Michael Hamel-Green via Zoom (Emeritus Professor, Victoria University) "Successes in Regional Peace-Building, Challenges in Northeast Asia"</p> <p>Peace-building Scenario:</p> <p>Moderators:</p> <p>Francis Daehoon Lee (Director, Trans-Education for Peace Institute of PeaceMOMO) and Kazuko Hikawa (Vice Director, RECNA, Nagasaki University)</p> <p>Wrap-up Statement: Fumihiko Yoshida</p> <p>Concluding Remarks: Jae-Jung Suh</p>
12:40-13:50	Lunch
13:50-15:00	<p>Closed Door Session</p> <p>Follow-up activities moderated by Tatsujiro Suzuki & Jae-Jung Suh</p>

(Program Chair: Jae-Jung Suh)

Private Sector Development in Emerging Economies

Speaker: Susan M. Lund (Vice President for Economics and Private Sector Development,
International Financial Corporation)

Date: 13:15-15:00, Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Venue: International Conference Room, Kiyoshi Togasaki Memorial Dialogue House,
International Christian University

Language: English

Dr. Lund's lecture introduced the IFC and delved into its pivotal role in transforming emerging markets in private sector development. She presented groundbreaking IFC research on capital markets in emerging economies, emphasizing the importance of deepening domestic capital markets. She explored how robust local capital markets can enhance private investment, channel resources to the most productive firms, and support the growth of financially constrained businesses. The discussion highlighted the benefits of developing domestic bond and equity markets, enabling local investors to fund business expansion and drive broader economic growth.

(Inviter: Sawa Omori)

Open Lecture

Lithuania in the Changing Word Order: The Past and the Present

Speaker: H. E. Ambassador Aurelijus Zykas (Ambassador of the Republic of Lithuania to Japan)

Date: 11:30-12:40, Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Venue: SH-S202

Language: English

Ambassador Zykas discussed the importance of combining the threats for both Japan and Lithuania, as both find themselves in similar geopolitical standing, the good examples of collaboration between Japan and Lithuania in aiding Ukraine, and the importance of Japan for Lithuania and the entire EU.

(Inviter: Andrius Sabunas)

Open Lecture

Wartime experience, memorial trips to the Philippines, and the Japanese perception of the Philippines

Speaker: Taihei Okada (Professor, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, The University of Tokyo)

Date: 11:30-12:40, Monday, February 3, 2025

Venue: SH-E302

Language: English

The Philippines was one of the fiercest battlegrounds during the Asia-Pacific War, with approximately 1.1 million Filipino deaths. The lecture introduced Japan's predominant perception of the Philippines before and during the war, followed by an analysis of Japanese wartime experiences in the Philippines. Particular attention was paid to the relationship between the experiences of Japanese military personnel and those of Japanese civilians. Subsequently, Dr. Okada examined how shared Japanese memories of the war in the Philippines were formed through memorial trips to the Philippines. Throughout, he considered the meanings of Filipino deaths within Japanese perceptions.

(Inviters: Jose Mathew Luga and Kana Takamatsu)

