

# International Symposium “Disaster & Memory”

October 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 2023

IRIDeS / Tohoku University (Aobayama campus)

Second Floor, S204 – 演習室 B (Seminar Room B)

Abstract: The international symposium “Disaster and Memory” will reflect about how the concept of “memory” is intertwined with the way disasters are perceived and represented. As our societies evolve in the 21st century under the new paradigm of Anthropocene, where disasters seem to be on the rise, the question of how to memorialize them and place them in a “grammar of disasters” in order to authorize meaning and resilient actions becomes salient. Bringing together researchers from different universities in Japan and abroad, the symposium will discuss various cases of disasters (3.11 tsunami, Fukushima accident, Minamata disease, Second World War, biodiversity loss and climate change), from different perspectives (sociology, law, anthropology, computer science, history, biology, philosophy and semiotics).

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## First day - October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Welcoming of participants: 14:00

1<sup>st</sup> session: 14:20 – 15:20

Julia Gerster (Tohoku University), *School memorials as “Lieux de Mémoire” in the cultural and collective memory of the Great East Japan Earthquake*

Orika Komatsubara (Osaka Metropolitan University) & Hatsue Koizumi (Minamata disease center), *Conflicts between stakeholders who pass on the tragic memory: In the case of Minamata Disease, Japan*

Dhiego Telles Da Silva & Charles Condevaux (University of Nimes), *The role of precedents and the use of AI in crisis situations*

Discussion: 15:20 – 15:50

Coffee break: 15:50 – 16:10

2<sup>nd</sup> session: 16:10 – 17:10

Lajna Droz (Tokyo University), *Memory and biodiversity disasters*

Takahiro Fuke (Kyoto University), 「戦没者慰霊と記憶継承——日本遺族会の動向に焦点をあてて」

Mathieu Gaulène (Tohoku University), *From the memory to the imagination of disasters*

Discussion: 17:10 – 17:40

## **Second Day - October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

3<sup>rd</sup> session: 9:00 – 10:00

Nao Sakaguchi (Iwate University), *Raising the issue of discussing the state of disaster remains in terms of memory theory*

Ryuma Shineha (Osaka University), *Discourses and Memories on Disasters: a case of the 3.11*

Romarc Jannel (Kyoto University / Collège international de philosophie), *Dimensions of Disaster: The Relation between Memory and Subject*

Discussion: 10:00 – 10:20

Coffee break: 10:20 – 10:40

4<sup>th</sup> session: 10:40 – 11:20

Miki Hamano (Ritsumeikan University), *Memories and representations of disasters in pre-modern Japan*

Sebastien Penmellen-Boret (Tohoku University), *The Temporality of Memoryscapes: A Study of the Memorial Monuments of the Great East Japan Earthquake*

Discussion and end of the public seminar : 11:20 – 11:40

Visit of Yuriage ruins and reconstruction area  
(by Sebastien Penmellen-Boret)

Departure from IRIDeS: 12:30 – 13:10

Visit of Yuriage: 13: 10 – 16: 20

Return to Sendai station: 17:00