International Symposium
Natural Disasters and Human Mobilities: Research on Non-traditional Security in East Asia

**Keynote Speech:**
**Speaker:** KATSUMA, Yasushi (Professor, Dean of Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies, Waseda University)

**Presentation title:** Human Security and the Post-2015 Agenda

**Session 1: East Asian Migrations: Exploring New Concepts, Indices, Trends and Theories in an Emerging Field**

**Presenter:** YOON, In-jin (Professor), Korea University

**Presentation title:** Designing New Concepts and Indices of Migrant Integration and Multiculturalism for Northeast Asia

**Abstract:**
Concepts of immigrant integration and multiculturalism are defined differently depending on the country and context, and this contributes to the confusion and debates surrounding multiculturalism discourse and policy. I propose the working definition of migrant integration as “processes through which immigrants secure stable living conditions with a sense of identity and belonging as members of a host society and develop meaningful connections and relations with other local residents.” On the other hand, multiculturalism can be defined as “ideologies and social policies that enable various ethnic and racial groups, without forcing them to assimilate into a mainstream culture, to acknowledge and respect each other’s diverse cultures.” If migrant integration focuses on economic and social adaptation of immigrant groups, multiculturalism emphasizes cultural rights of immigrant groups.

I propose we need to pursue ‘multicultural migrant integration’ as an ideal model of migrant integration in a multicultural society. The new index for multicultural migrant integration synthesizes existing migrant integration index and multiculturalism policy index. Most of all, it includes a social psychological dimension. The new index relies on a multi-level data collection method. It includes the examination of laws and government policy (the current method of MIPEX and MPI), a Delphi survey of a group of experts in each country to review the state of multicultural migrant integration, a survey of migrants and natives to examine their perceived evaluation of the state of multicultural migrant integration, especially attitudes, identity, and intergroup relations.

**Bio:**
In-Jin Yoon graduated from Korea University with Bachelor’s degree in sociology in August 1985. He received his Master’s degree and Ph. D. degree from the University of Chicago and taught at the
Asian American Studies Department of the University of California, Santa Barbara between 1992 and 1995. He is now professor of the Department of Sociology, Korea University. His academic careers include the former presidents of the Association for North Korean Migrants Studies and the Association for the Studies of Koreans Abroad, and head of the Brain Korea 21 Project Group for Conflict Society. He is now the vice director of the Asiatic Research Institute of Korea University.


His research interests include social psychology, minorities, international migration, and multiculturalism.

<Presentation 2>

**Presenter:** LIU, Hong (Professor), Nanyang Technological University  

**Presentation title:** In Search of a New Migration Order: The Chinese Experience in Global and Comparative Perspective  

**Abstract:**  
Existing scholarship of patterns of global migration has been fundamentally shaped by the Western experiences, and it tends to be conceptualized at the time of nation-state, the ascendance of Anglo-Saxon capitalism, and methodological nationalism. The past three decades have witnessed some significant changes that are reshaping the international migration order. One is the accelerated pace of global migration which has been facilitated by the advancement in modern technology and telecommunication. Another phenomenon is the rapid rise of China as the second largest economy in the world and a major source of emigration (while also increasingly attracting immigration to its own soil). The recently launched state initiative constructing “One Belt and One Road” by the new Chinese leadership under Xi Jinping has added new momentum to the changing landscapes of global Chinese migration.

This presentation will analyze how these recent transformations have (re)shaped the dynamics, patterns and characteristics of Chinese international migration which in turn provides new insights for an understanding of the evolving global migration order.

**Bio:**  
Educated in China, Holland and USA, Professor LIU Hong has extensive teaching and research experiences concerning modern Asia and Chinese international migration. He was Assistant Professor/Associate Professor of Modern Chinese History at the National University of Singapore (1995-2006), Chair Professor of East Asian Studies and Founding Director of Centre for Chinese
Professor Liu's main areas of research include: modern East and Southeast Asia from transnational perspective; Sino-Southeast Asian interactions; and Chinese international migration. He has published 12 books and more than 80 articles in the English, Chinese, Japanese, and Indonesian languages, including in the *World Politics, Ethnic and Racial Studies, The China Quarterly, Journal of Southeast Asian Studies, Asian Studies Review, Journal of Contemporary China,* and *Nature and Culture.*

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**Presentation 3**

**Presenter:** LIU-FARRER, Gracia (Professor), Waseda University

**Presentation title:** Investigating East Asian Migration Phenomena from a Cultural Sociological Approach

**Abstract:**
There has been a rapid increase of human mobility in East Asia since the 1980s. Such cross-border migration has supplied productive and reproductive labor, stimulated economies, alleviated poverty, and facilitated cultural flows. However, migration has also created social and political problems. Clandestine entry and visa overstay test nation states’ ability to control their borders. The departure of migrants has hollowed out communities and retarded the development of knowledge economy in some sending regions. Meanwhile, how to successfully integrate immigrants into their social fabric has become a challenge to many receiving communities.

Much of theoretical understanding of migration derives from North American experience. The dominance of labor migration into North America in the history has skewed the theoretical development in migration studies toward utilitarian and typically economic explanations of migration process. This presentation advocates a more cultural sociological understanding of recent migration phenomena in East Asia. Introducing both theoretical development in recent migration studies and empirical research of contemporary migration in East Asia, I argue that phenomena such as undocumented migration and ineffectiveness of multicultural coexistence can be better understood with an in-depth understanding of migrants’ meaning making in the migration process and varied cultural and moral frameworks they operate within.

**Bio:**
Gracia Liu-Farrer is Professor of sociology at the Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University, Japan. Her research investigates patterns of cross-border migration in Asia-Pacific countries and examines immigrants’ economic and social practices, emotional life, citizenship and
belonging in Japan. She is the author of the monograph *Labor Migration from China to Japan: International Students, Transnational Migrants* (Routledge, 2011/2013). Her articles have appeared in various international journals and edited volumes. She received her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Chicago.

**Session 2: Natural Disaster and International Cooperation**

*Presentation 4*

**Presenter:** ZHA, Daojiong (Professor), Peking University  
**Presentation title:** Human Security in East Asia: the case of disaster response  
**Abstract:**

This presentation considers the utility of ‘Human Security’ as a prism for considering international cooperation in responding to acute disasters, both natural and human made, in the East Asian region. The presentation reviews a number of recent cases including the Indian Ocean earthquake/tsunami in Indonesia 2004, Cyclone Nargis in Myanmar 2008, the Sichuan earthquake in China 2008, the Fukushima nuclear fallout in Japan in 2011, and the search for the missing Malaysian MH370 in 2014. On this basis, it is possible to see 'human security' as a concept both enabling and complicating rapid deployment of assistance. In particular, use of the military for in disaster response continues to be conditioned (and sometimes constrained) by conventional national security considerations.

**Bio:**  
Zha Daojiong is a professor of international political economy at Peking University, specializing in such non-traditional security issues as energy, food, and water, in addition to political risk management in Chinese investment abroad. His publications include five authored and edited books and over sixty articles in international refereed journals, in Chinese and English.

Dr. Zha serves on the advisory boards of the Chinese Association for International Understanding, The Chinese People’s Association with Foreign Countries, and China-Myanmar Friendship Association. In the past few years he held teaching and research positions in Australia, Japan, the United States, Singapore and the Hong Kong SAR. He holds a Doctoral degree in Political Science from the University of Hawaii.

*Presentation 5*

**Presenter:** KAMOLVEJ, Tavida (Assistant Professor), Thammasat University  
**Presentation title:** Challenges to Regional Collaborative Disaster Management of ASEAN  
**Abstract:**

Although collaborative disaster management has been prioritized in the agenda of ASEAN for many years, efforts and progress seem to fall behind the ultimate goals, let alone any milestones...
along the way. What are the obstacles, challenges, and shortfalls faced by member countries and the community, and to what extent the diverse capabilities of the ASEAN community creates difficulties in establishing a comprehensive regional disaster management. It is argued that all stakeholders in the region need to invest more effectively in the attempt to institutionalize disaster management within and perhaps outside the region. Such collaboration is not meant to prove the achievement and strength of ASEAN community, but to make the region resilient and safer. Institutionalization (Selznick 1949; Scott 1995) is the emergence of orderly, stable, socially integrated patterns out of unstable, loosely organized, or narrowly technical activities. Since Southeast Asian nations share the same disaster threats and can benefit from an integrated intergovernmental network of assistance, it is more likely to be easier to constitute a mutual understanding and convince all members that they will benefit from contributing any necessary resources.

Bio:
Dr. Tavida Kamolvej is currently the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the School of Political Science, Thammasat University, Thailand. She received her PhD from Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh, USA. Her academic expertise and research interests emphasize Disaster Management, Social Network Analysis, Research Methodology and Public Policy Analysis. Dr. Tavida used to be communication and coordination instructor for the US State Department Senior Crisis Management Seminar Program in collaboration with American University, Washington DC, USA.

In her field of expertise, she used to serve as Disaster and Emergency Management advisor to the National Disaster Warning Center in developing an end-to-end disaster warning system. She also joined the sub-committee on Disaster and Risk Communication of the National Committee of Broadcasting, Televising, and Telecommunication, to develop national and local communication regulations and a framework for action. Currently, Dr. Tavida serves as a Chief Technical Advisor to the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, Thailand, under the Technical Assistant program of United Nations Development Program (UNDP). At the international level, she served as Disaster Management Consultant to the Pacific Disaster Center, Hawaii, USA, and to UNESCO/IOC in Community Resilience and Education for Disaster and Risk Management Program.

<Presentation 6>

**Presenter:** HOBSON, Christopher (Assistant Professor), Waseda University

**Presentation title:** Fukushima and the future: Reflections on human insecurity in Japan

**Abstract:**
While the risk posed by natural disasters was clearly identified in the 1994 UNDP report and by the Commission on Human Security, there has been little work to date on the unique threat posed by ‘na-tech’ disasters, where natural and technological disasters combine, such as what happened in
Japan in March 2011. Yet as climate change renders existing infrastructure vulnerable, we can expect similar kinds of incidents to occur in the future. Using a human security framework, this presentation will reflect on some of the unique humanitarian issues triggered by the nuclear accident at Fukushima Dai-ichi and what lessons we need to learn from this experience. In doing so, it will also be proposed that the Fukushima accident reveals an underexplored dimension of human security, namely, its temporal dimension and the centrality of the future.

Bio:

Christopher Hobson is an Assistant Professor in the School of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University. He is also a Visiting Research Fellow at the United Nations University, where he is contributing to the Fukushima Global Communication Programme. Christopher holds a Ph.D. in Political Science and International Relations from the Australian National University. He is the coeditor of Human Security and Natural Disasters (Routledge 2014), and Human Security and Japan’s Triple Disaster (Routledge 2014). He has published articles in a range of leading international journals, such as Review of International Studies, International Politics, International Relations, Third World Quarterly and International Political Science Review. He is currently undertaking research on the Fukushima nuclear disaster, as well as completing a book on democracy. For more information, visit: http://christopherhobson.net/ or follow him on twitter: @hobson_c