

Archiving and Memorialising Disasters International Workshop

Recording, remembering and learning from past disasters

This public forum will discuss how 'remembering disasters' through archives and memorialization forms a critical basis for countries and communities around the world to understand, anticipate and recover from future natural hazards.

**Place: Tohoku University
North Kawauchi Campus, C206**

2015
March 16
5:30-8:00pm

17:30- **Opening Address**

Akihiro Shibayama, Japan

17:40- **The Promise of Digital Archives for Remembering and Learning**

Ted Bestor and Andrew Gordon, USA

17:55- **Digital Archive of Tsunamis in Aceh (DATA)**

Muzailin Afan, Indonesia

18:10- **Voices from Tohoku: Memorialising through Video Archives of Disaster Japan**

David Slater (with Maja Veselic), Japan

18:35- **Urban Flooding and Landscapes of Memory**

Susann Baez Ullberg, Sweden

18:50- **Archiving and Memorialising Disasters Through Expressive Culture:
Art, Story, Song, and Legend**

Susanna Hoffman, USA

19:05- **Mainstreaming Memorialisation in Disaster Risk Reduction**

Sébastien P. Boret, Japan

19:20- **Atoms for Memory: Some challenges for Archiving and Memorializing
the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster**

Ryo Morimoto, USA

19:35- **Discussion**

19:55- **Closing remarks**





Theodor Bestor, Harvard University, USA

Professor of social anthropology and Japanese studies at Harvard and Director of Harvard's Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies and a past president of the Association for Asian Studies. His research has included community organization, Tsukiji Wholesale Fish Market, recovery in Tohoku, and Japanese cuisine as a marker of identity in international interactions.



Andrew Gordon, Harvard University, USA

Historian of modern Japan and former director of Harvard's Reischauer Institute and funder of the digital archive of the compound disasters and their aftermath. He has written several books on the history of labor and politics in modern Japan and on the emergence of modern consumers, and a textbook on the history of Japan from the 19th century through the present.



Muzailin Afan, Syiah Kuala University, Indonesia

Researcher and lecturer of Informatics at Syiah Kuala University, Indonesia and PhD Candidate at Tohoku University. Muzailin has been engaged in research for post-disaster recovery of Aceh tsunami since after the tsunami disaster 2004. He is working as university researcher and local government expert for the reconstruction program in Aceh, Indonesia.



David H. Slater, Sophia University, Japan

Director of the Institute of Comparative Culture and Professor of Cultural Anthropology at Sophia University, Japan. Since 2011, he has led a project entitled "Voices of Tohoku," (東北からの声) the largest video oral narrative archive of the 3.11 disasters and their aftermath.



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Anthropologist working as a senior analyst at the Centre for Crisis Management Research and Training and the Centre for Natural Disaster Science in Sweden. Her research interests involve the anthropology of disaster and the environment, social memory and material culture, with a regional focus on Latin America.



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Ph.D. candidate in Anthropology at Brandeis University, Japanese Digital Humanities and Social Sciences at Harvard University and project Manager of the Digital Archive of Japan's 2011 Disasters. He published articles on 3.11 such as "Message without Coda: On Rhetoric of Photographic Records," and "Interpretative Frameworks of Disaster in Society Close-Up".



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