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Joint International Symposium on  
**Risk in East Asia:**  
**perspectives from politics, market and society**

Organized by  
National Institute of Japanese Studies\*,  
Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, London Office  
and Doshisha University

Saturday 14th July, 2007  
13:00 - 19:00

**Tapestry Room, Firth Hall, University of Sheffield\*\***

We are delighted to invite you to the above symposium on Risk in East Asia: Perspectives from politics, market and society. The symposium is a collaborative endeavour by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), Japan's leading funding agency for the advancement of all fields of humanities, and social sciences, as well as natural and medical sciences and engineering; the National Institute of Japanese Studies (NIJS), the UK's only international Centre of Excellence in Japanese Studies between the Universities of Sheffield and Leeds funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, the Arts and Humanities Research Council and the Higher Education Funding Council for England; and Doshisha University, one of Japan's leading higher education institutions committed to the study of global issues and risk.

Citizens around the world face a range of risks in their everyday lives, yet so far a theoretically informed and empirically rich analysis of the political, market and societal implications of these risks has focused almost exclusively on the industrially developed countries of the West, neglecting East Asia. This symposium aims to move the intellectual exploration of risk forward by bringing together authoritative scholars from East Asia, Europe and North America to analyze risk in East Asia, with a particular focus on China and Japan. The speakers will examine how developed Japan and developing China have responded to different types of risks, providing cutting-edge insights from the perspectives of politics, market and society. The symposium will provide an unparalleled opportunity to promote dialogue on issues of common concern. We look forward to welcoming you to the event.

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## Speakers



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**Hugo Dobson**  
Senior Lecturer in the  
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**Takeda Hiroko**  
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## Discussants



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**Programme**

- 12:00 – 12:55**      **Arrival and Registration**
- 13:00 – 13:30**      **Opening Addresses**  
Glenn D. Hook, University of Sheffield and National Institute of Japanese Studies  
Matsuo Hiromichi, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science  
Hatta Eiji, Doshisha University  
**Introduction to the Symposium**  
Hasegawa Harukiyo, Doshisha University
- 13:30 – 15:00**      **Session I**  
Chair: Hugo Dobson, University of Sheffield and National Institute of Japanese Studies
- “Occupational Health Risks in China”**  
    David C. Christiani, Harvard University
- “Poverty Risk: Japanese responses to growing signs of poverty and social exclusion”**  
    Iwata Masami, Japan Women’s University
- Discussion**  
    Heather Zhang, University of Leeds and National Institute of Chinese Studies  
    Karen Shire, University of Duisburg-Essen
- 15:00 – 15:30**      **Coffee Break**
- 15:30 – 17:00**      **Session II**  
Chair: Takeda Hiroko, University of Sheffield and National Institute of Japanese Studies
- “Broken Social Safety-nets and Individualized Risks: Examining Socio-Educational Mobility”**  
    Kariya Takehiko, University of Tokyo
- “Risk Perceptions of GM-crops: The Chinese case”**  
    Sjaak Swart, University of Groningen
- Discussion**  
    Peter Cave, Manchester University  
    Flemming Christiansen, University of Leeds and National Institute of Chinese Studies
- 17:00 – 17:30**      **Panel discussion and Q & A**
- 17:30 – 17:35**      **Closing Address**  
Furukawa Yuko, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, London Office
- 17:45 – 18:45**      **Reception**

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