

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Overview

This symposium aims to reconceptualize disaster culture not merely as a culture through which people learn adaptation and resilience in the face of disasters, but also as a cultural and educational process through which modern development paradigms are unlearned and alternative futures are reimagined. Specifically, by comparatively examining disaster experiences and the formation of disaster cultures across countries in the Asia-Pacific region, this study seeks to explore what people have learned, what they have unlearned, and what they have relearned through disasters. Based on these findings, it aims to develop a new theoretical framework for education in the post-2030 era.



13 NOVEMBER 2026 at 13:00–16:30 JST



Meeting Hall, 11F, Graduate School of Education, Tohoku University

DISASTER CULTURE AND THE UNLEARNING OF DEVELOPMENT

RETHINKING EDUCATION FOR PLANETARY FUTURES IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

PRESENTERS & PARTICIPANTS



PRESENTER 1 / PANELIST

Dr. Masashige Motoe

Tohoku University



PRESENTER 2 / PANELIST

Dr. Yuta Nakayasu

Tohoku University



PRESENTER 3 / PANELIST

Dr. Iveta Silova

Arizona State University



PRESENTER 4 / PANELIST

Dr. Jeremy Rappleye

The University of Hong Kong



PRESENTER 5 / PANELIST

Dr. Greg William Misiaszek

Tohoku University



PANELIST

Dr. Carlos Alberto Torres

UCLA



PANEL MODERATOR

Dr. Will Brehm

University of Canberra



OPENING & INTRODUCTION

Dr. Jing Liu

Tohoku University

AGENDA

13:00–13:10	<i>Opening & introduction</i> Dr. Jing Liu (Tohoku University)
13:10–14:00	<i>Presentations 1–2 and Q&A</i> Presentation 1: Disaster Culture (Dr. Masashige Motoe, Tohoku University) Presentation 2: Satoyama in Japan (Dr. Yuta Nakayasu, Tohoku University)
14:00–14:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
14:15–15:25	<i>Presentations 3–5 and Q&A</i> Presentation 3: Unlearning of development and education (Dr. Iveta Silova, Arizona State University) Presentation 4: Unlearning (Dr. Jeremy Rappleye, The University of Hong Kong) Presentation 5: Ecopedagogical Reading of d/Development, Disasters, and Nature Beyond Humans for Praxis (Dr. Greg William Misiaszek, Tohoku University)
15:25–16:25	<i>Panel discussion and Q&A</i> Moderator: Dr. Will Brehm (University of Canberra)
16:25–16:30	<i>Closing</i>

Register

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Onsite



Onsite Participation

Deadline: Nov.10, 2026

Online



Online Participation

Deadline: Nov.13, 2026

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