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JAPAN'S TRIPLE DISASTER PURSUING JUSTICE AFTER THE GREAT EAST JAPAN

EARTHQUAKE, TSUNAMI, AND FUKUSHIMA NUCLEAR ACCIDENT

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Japan's Triple Disaster:

Pursuing Justice after the Great East Japan Earthquake, Tsunami and Fukushima Nuclear Accident (Routledge, 2023).

Moderator: Prof. David Slater

Editors: Dr. Natalia Novikova, Dr. Julia Gerster, and Dr. Manuela Hartwig will discuss their edited volume on recovery and justice after the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake, Tsunami and Fukushima Nuclear Accident.

Presenting research on more than a decade after the Great East Japan Earthquake, the volume highlights not only the manifold challenges in the direct disaster response and policymaking but also the difficulties of "just" long-term recovery. Arguing for just distribution, recognition and participation, among other justice fields, this volume provides a diversity of perspectives on these issues as experienced after the 2011 disasters through detailed and nuanced analyses presented by early career researchers and senior academics coming from various countries and continents of the world. The insights of this volume galvanise the discussion of disaster governance and highlight the variety of disaster (in)justices and the ways disasters force people to contest and reimagine their relationships with their neighborhoods, countries, families, and friends.

After providing an overview of the edited volume, Natalia Novikova will introduce her chapter on Parents' Activism in the Kantō Region, followed by a discussion with the editors.

Natalia Novikova is a Language Instructor at Tamagawa University, Japan. She received her Ph.D. in International and Advanced Japanese Studies at the University of Tsukuba, Japan.

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This event is organized by David H. Slater (Professor, Cultural Anthropology, Sophia University)