

# Measuring for What:

## Networked Citizen Science Movements after the Fukushima Nuclear Accident

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This talk is based on the first in-depth study of citizens' radiation data production practices following the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear accident of 2011. It is also the first in-depth fieldwork on citizen's radiation data production practices after social media and the Internet have become a part of everyday life in Japan and elsewhere. While various citizens have engaged in data generation on radiation in the air using a wide variety of dosimeters and circulated the resulting data via the Internet and social media, this study captures one particular moment in the evolution of citizens' data production practices. This moment is a snapshot of 2014, more than three years after the Fukushima nuclear disaster when there were still evacuees from the Fukushima Prefecture and elsewhere yet the levels of radiation in the air had decreased.

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