

Seminar

Communicating Health Risks from Nuclear Accidents

featuring a talk by Prof. Gerry Thomas



This open seminar will draw on insights from Fukushima and Chernobyl to explore the challenges of communicating health risks from nuclear accidents. It will feature a talk by Gerry Thomas (Professor of Molecular Pathology at Imperial College London) — a leading expert on the health risks of radiation and the public communication of scientific research.

Since the 2011 nuclear accident at Fukushima Daiichi, the issue of health risks from radiation has been prominent in Japan and other countries. The consequences of the accident are complicating the recovery process for people in the affected regions, and public debates over reconstruction and energy policy have become highly polarized.

Effectively communicating real and possible health risks faces a number of challenges. Information about radiation tends to be highly technical and unfamiliar to most people, and presenting it in an understandable way can be difficult. Problems and shortcomings with how the 2011 nuclear accident was managed have left many people unsure about what information they can trust.

UNU-IAS is co-organizing this event as part of the Fukushima Global Communication Programme, a research initiative examining impacts of the Great East Japan Earthquake, tsunami and nuclear accident of 11 March, 2011 on people and society.

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16:00–17:00

VENUE

2F Reception Hall,
United Nations University

Following the talk by Prof. Thomas, there will be open discussion with members of the audience. After the seminar light refreshments will be available.

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