

# Disasters and Human Survivability:

## Enhancing Resilience to Risks Threatening the Future of Humanity

International symposium organized by the Graduate School of Advanced Integrated Studies in Human Survivability (GSAIS), Kyoto University (21-22 Nov. 2016, Kyoto, JAPAN)

**Day1** **21 Nov.** Monday 14:00-18:00

**Day2** **22 Nov.** Tuesday 09:30-17:40

Venue: Shirankaikan Inamori Hall, Kyoto University, Japan  
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### Featured speakers (in order of participation) include:

**Prof. Martin Rees**

University of Cambridge, UK. Co-founder of the Centre for the Study of Existential Risks, Emeritus Professor of Cosmology and Astrophysics, former President of the Royal Society, fellow of Trinity College

**Prof. Yosuke Yamashiki**

GSAIS, Kyoto University

**Prof. Hiroaki Isobe**

GSAIS, Kyoto University

**Prof. James Mori**

Disaster Prevention Research Institute (DPRI), Kyoto University

**Prof. Satoshi Koyama**

Graduate School of Letters, Kyoto University

**Prof. Masao Mitsuyama**

GSAIS, Kyoto University

**Prof. Stefan Trueck**

Centre for Financial Risk, Macquarie University, Australia

**Prof. Kazuhiko Ohashi**

Graduate School of International Corporate Strategy (ICS), Hitotsubashi University

### The main goals of the symposium

The organizer of the symposium GSAIS/ Shishukan aims to provide a fresh look at the global challenges facing humanity in areas such as energy, water, food, population, diseases, etc. This year's international symposium will focus on unexpected extreme disasters and more specifically, on how to enhance our resilience to such disasters. Another goal of the symposium is to develop a holistic approach that integrates various research fields by considering the past, present and future dimensions. The symposium will bring together scholars from natural and social sciences, as well as humanities. The idea behind this is that we need to go beyond the "silo-based" approach, where handling disasters is something left to experts with specialized knowledge.

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