

Talking about War, Thinking about Safe Space

World War II was the worst war in world history, involving more than 30 countries and killing over 70 million people. Previous studies have shown that World War II had long-term effects on society as a whole. Although research has been conducted in Japan, the results have not been shared beyond individual academic disciplines. In particular, collaboration between historical research and trauma studies in clinical psychology and psychiatry was not sufficient. Activities to share the experience of war have also been conducted in many areas by interested citizens, but they have not been fully integrated with academic research.

For this reason, we have organized five interdisciplinary symposia in 2021 on the long-term effects of World War II in Japan. There we discussed from an interdisciplinary perspective what happened, how Japan reacted to the war, trauma and positionality (roles as perpetrator and victim) and so on. This revealed the importance of securing safe spaces to talk about their experiences of the war and examining public memories of the war. To examine these issues, we decided to hold three symposia this year. These symposia are not based on any particular political position. It aims to contribute to our own wellbeing and social peace.

※ See reverse side for details of the symposium.

September 17th
October 22nd
November 27th
13:30-18:00
(Japan Time)

- **Register in advance (capacity 100 people)**
- **Japanese or English with simultaneous interpretation**

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September 17th

Considering a Safe Space for Vulnerable People to Share their Experiences of the War

- Opening Remarks by Tadashi TAKESHIMA, Shigeyuki MORI, and Eugen KOH
 - Symposium
1. Haru SUGIYAMA (Reportage writer)
“War brides in “Manchukuo” and children as the memory of war”
 2. Keiko TAMURA (Honorary Senior Lecturer, College of Asia and the Pacific, The Australian National University)
“Narratives of Japanese Military Nurses in Rabaul”
 3. Akira KAWAMITSU (Staff of City History Compilation Section, Cultural Affairs Division, Nago City Board of Education)
“Gokyotai: Boy Soldiers in ‘Yambaru,’ Northern Okinawa”
 4. Tetsuya TAKEUCHI (NHK commentator)
“Disabled People and WW2”
 - Discussant: Chie SHIJO (Associate Professor, Hiroshima Peace Institute, Hiroshima City University)
 - Chairperson: Eri NAKAMURA (Associate Professor, Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Hiroshima University)

October 22nd

Safe Space for Public Memory about the Wars and the Disasters

- Symposium
1. Ryo SHIMIZU (JSPS Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Waseda University)
“People Who Participated “Senyuukai”(Veterans' Groups) and not”
 2. Ariyuki FUKUSHIMA (Committee Member, Citizens' Network of Museums for Peace)
“How ‘Safe Space’ Theory and Peace Museums Can Meet: Some Clues for the Discussion”
 3. Naru FUKUCHI (Department of Psychiatry, Tohoku Medical and Pharmaceutical University Hospital / Miyagi Disaster Mental Health Care Center)
“Experiences from the Great East Japan Earthquake”
 4. Kai OGIMOTO (Associate Professor, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Sagami Women's University / Contemporary Freudian Society, New York)
“Inability to Mourn in the Post-WW2 Japan”
 - Discussant: Byoungdo PARK (Assistant Professor, Department of Japanese Education, Gyeongsang National University, South Korea)
 - Chairperson: Kenta AWAZU (Visiting Researcher, Grief Care Center, Sophia University)

November 27th

Summary and Discussion for Future Symposiums

- Summary of the 1st and 2nd Symposium by Eri NAKAMURA and Kenta AWAZU
 - Report on the Questionnaire on Safe Space by Kenji KAWANO
 - Symposium “Safe Space in History and Peace Education”
1. Aya KASAI (Lecturer, Faculty of International Liberal Arts, Miyazaki International College)
“Secondary Traumatization in Peace Education - In Search of a Safe Practice”
 2. Mitsuko HIRAI (Teacher of Social Studies, Suita Junior High School, Osaka)
“War and Peace Education and Politics”
 - Keynote Speech by Eugen KOH (St. Vincent’s Hospital and University of Melbourne)
 - Discussion
 - Summary
 - Closing Remarks by Tadashi TAKESHIMA and Eugen KOH
 - Chairperson: Shigeyuki MORI (Professor, Faculty of Letters, Konan University)

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