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Gender, Diversity and Tohoku Reconstruction: Challenges and Opportunities Two Years On



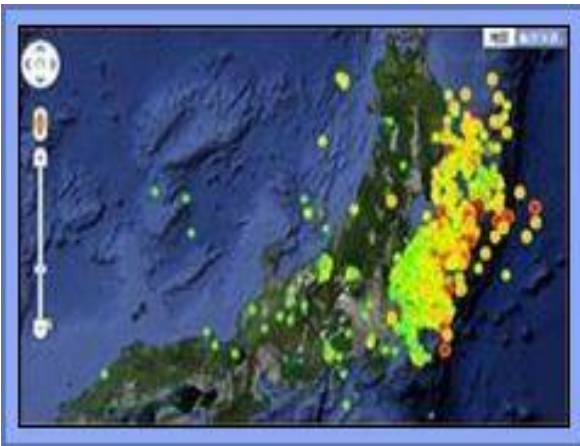
Ottawa Event Info

Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2013

Time: 5:00 pm-7:00 pm

Location: University of Ottawa, Desmarais Building,
55 Laurier Avenue East, Room 12110

Presentations will be followed by a question period and open discussion with the audience.



The triple disaster of the Tohoku earthquake, tsunami and nuclear meltdown has been the cause of tragic destruction, loss and trauma for the affected communities, surrounding areas, and indeed, for the country as a whole. This moment in Japan's history has created unique windows of opportunity for deepened democratization, critical thinking about gender, diversity and social vulnerability, and notably for civil society and women's active participation in the rebuilding of Tohoku and of Japan.

Professor Jackie Steele (Associate Professor, I.S.S. University of Tokyo Research Associate, Global COE on Gender Equality and Multicultural Conviviality, Tohoku University, Japan) and **Professor Mari Osawa** (Professor at the Institute of Social Science, University of Tokyo, Tokyo Branch Leader of the Global COE on Gender Equality and Multicultural Conviviality in the Age of Globalization), will present the preliminary interdisciplinary insights, the gaps in the existing literature on disaster mitigation, as well as the findings from the fieldwork of Network Members.

Other guest speakers include:

Ambassador Ishikawa, Embassy of Japan in Canada

Dr. Caroline Andrew, Director of the Centre on Governance, University of Ottawa

Dr. Etsuko Yasui, Assistant Professor, Applied Disaster and Emergency Studies, Brandon University

Dr. Vincent Mirza, University of Ottawa, Department of Sociology and Anthropology



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***This presentation will be held in English. The question period will be held in both English and in French.**