

## THE JAPAN FOUNDATION PRESENTS

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

#### **Vancouver Event Info**

**Date:** Monday, March 11th, 2013, 6:00-8:30pm

**Address:** 580 West Hastings Street

**Location:** Simon Fraser University, Downtown Campus,  
Morris J. Work Centre for Dialogue, Asia-Pacific Hall

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 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 for civil society and women's active participation in the rebuilding of Tohoku and of Japan.



## **Main Presentation**

**Professor Jackie Steele** (Associate Professor, I.S.S. University of Tokyo, and Convener of the Japan-Canada Interdisciplinary Research Network on Gender, Diversity and Tohoku Reconstruction) and **Professor Mari Osawa** (Professor at the Institute of Social Science, University of Tokyo, and 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:**

**Japanese Consul Okada**, Japanese Consulate in Vancouver

**Christine Nakamura**, Director, Public Relations, Marketing and Policy Coordination, Asia Pacific Foundation; Board Member, Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre

**Dr. Tsuyoshi Kawasaki**, Director, Asia-Canada Programme, Simon Fraser University

**Dr. Paul Crowe**, David Lam Centre, Simon Fraser University

**Ms. Natasha Fox**, Graduate Student, Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, UVIC

**Dr. Julian Dierkes**, Director, Centre for Japanese Research, University of British Columbia

**Ellen Woodsworth**, Founder and Co-Chair, Women Transforming Cities

## **PROGRAMME**

18:00	Welcome	Dr. Tsuyoshi Kawasaki
18:05	Opening Remarks:	Consul General Okada Seiji
18:10	Canadian Perspectives	Christine Nakamura
18:40	Network Findings	Dr. Jackie F. Steele and Dr. Mari Osawa
19:40	Comments	Dr. Julian Dierkes
19:50	Comments	Ellen Woodsworth
20:00	Discussion	Dr. Paul Crowe
20:25	Closing Remarks	Dr. Tsuyoshi Kawasaki

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