

## Graduate School Seminar Series



### Human security and disaster: *Japan's experience with international references*

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Proponents of the emerging paradigm of human security challenge the traditional notion of national security by arguing that the proper referent for security should be the individual rather than the state. The proponents argue that the scope of global security should be expanded to include seven threats to security: economic, food, health, environmental, personal, community and political (1994). This talk adds two more threats: population and information as proposed in non-traditional security in Asia (2011). This short presentation applies all nine threats to recent major earthquakes in the Pacific Rim, taking cases from Japan, China, New Zealand and so on, inviting Australian perspectives for further discussion, such as “resilience”.

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