

## 2016 Kyoto Symposium

“Considering the Modality of Risk Research from a Viewpoint of Practical Use  
in Policy and Decision Making” (The second international KURRN symposium)

### Purpose

Today, we are planning that we will hold 2016 Kyoto Symposium in Kyoto University co-organized with The Society for Risk Analysis Japan inviting Prof. Ortwin Renn, who is the ex-President of the Society for Risk Analysis, at the opportunity when he visits Japan. In Kyoto, Kyoto University Risk Research Network (KURRN) was set up at the end of 2014. KURRN held the first international symposium "Bridge the Gap in Risk Perceptions for the Restoration from Tohoku Triple Disaster" in Yokohama in March of 2015 aiming at the department cross-sectional cooperation of risk research in Kyoto University and its publicity to outside the university. This symposium is also the second international KURRN symposium.

We often feel the present condition that scientific evaluation based on risk analysis is not well used in a policy or a political decision. It is easy to count examples that the best political decision is not made for various risks influencing health of human body or mind or risks leading to damage or collapse of social or ecological system, and people suffer from their disadvantageous results. Considering these situations, we thought that the risk research might enter the era when we should strengthen its characteristics as the practical science helpful for human happiness, and we planed to hold symposium entitled "Considering the modality of risk research from a viewpoint of practical use in policy and decision making" inviting Prof. Ortwin Renn to Kyoto University.

In addition, we decided to aim to have participation from many faculties of Kyoto University, ask especially young and middle class researchers who would carry future risk research to make presentations, and improve the risk research in Japan to the higher stage of practical science by collaboration and fusion of the researches in Kyoto University.

From such a policy, we set up the symposium of the following program and the chance to have discussions. We hope that many people inside and outside the university will participate the symposium and use it as an opportunity to think about the way of risk research in the future.

July in 2016

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Organizer: Kyoto University Risk Research Network, and the Society for Risk Analysis Japan

Date: 13:00-17:00 on 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2016

Place: Kyoto University Clock Tower International Hall 1&2

Participation fee: Free

Language: Japanese and English (Japanese-English simultaneous translation will be served)

### Program :

**Moderator:** Takashi Kusumi (Graduate school of Education, Kyoto Univ.)

Minoru Yoneda (Graduate school of Engineering, Kyoto Univ., KURRN facilitator)

**Opening address:** Kayo Inaba (Executive Vice-President of Kyoto Univ.) 13:00-13:05

**Keynote speech:** Ortwin Renn (Prof., University of Stuttgart, ex-President of the Society for Risk Analysis) :  
Engagement of Risk Researchers to Policy and Decision Making in EU and Germany. 13:05-13:45

### Reports

1. Yukiko Uchida (Associate Prof., Kokoro research center, Kyoto Univ.): Risk Perception in Japanese Culture:  
A Cultural Psychological Approach. 13:45-14:00
2. Yayoi Kito (Researcher, Graduate school of Agriculture, Kyoto Univ.): Effectiveness of Two-step Interactive  
Risk Communication: Can it Contribute to the Improvement of Citizens' Risk Literacy?  
14:00-14:15
3. Yoko Shimada (Associate Prof., Graduate school of Engineering, Kyoto Univ.): Can Citizens Accept  
Individual Radiation-dose Criteria? (tentative) 14:15-14:30
4. Misuzu Asari (Associate Prof., Graduate school of global environmental studies, Kyoto Univ.): Risk  
Communication in the Political Administration for Waste Management (tentative). 14:30-14:45
5. Masamitsu Onishi (Associate Prof., Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto Univ.): Shifting from  
Disaster Prevention to Disaster Reduction - Dealing with the Risk of Unexpected. 15:00-15:15
6. Kyoko Kitazawa (PhD student, Graduate school of Medicine, Kyoto Univ., Affiliate Prof. of Kyoto  
Pharmaceutical Univ.): Risk Communication and Shared Decision Making in Healthcare.  
15:15-15:30
7. Yasuto Matsui (Associate Prof., Agency for Health, Safety and Environment, Kyoto Univ.): Future Risk  
Research in Kyoto University – from Risk Management to Political Contribution (tentative).  
15:30-15:45

**Discussion time by all participants** 15:45-16:45

**Closing address:** Yoko Niiyama (Prof., Graduate school of Agriculture, Ex-president of the society of risk  
analysis Japan) 16:45-16:50

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