



# Hiroshima - ICAN Academy on Nuclear Weapons and Global Security 2021

## Guidance for Participants

### **Program Framework**

#### **Introduction:**

Hiroshima Prefecture and the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons ("ICAN"), the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate organization, will hold the Hiroshima-ICAN Academy on Nuclear Weapons and Global Security 2021. Through this training program, we aim to nurture global leaders who can make concrete contributions towards a more peaceful and secure world.

The Academy 2021 is planned to be held in two parts; Part 1 as online learning and webinars, and Part 2 as an in-person training program in Hiroshima. The dates for Part 2, tentatively scheduled for March 2022, will be confirmed in November after carefully considering the COVID-19 circumstances in Japan and overseas.

#### **Program Framework:**

Having the overall theme “**Bringing humanitarian perspectives into nuclear weapons and security policies**”, the program of the Academy is designed around four themes, as described below.

The program will be conducted entirely in English; there will also be some videos or sessions where speakers will speak in Japanese with subtitles or interpretation into English. During Part 1, participants will learn through a combination of online learning, webinars, and essay writing. During Part 2, participants will learn through a combination of fieldwork (including visiting the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and Peace Memorial Museum), lectures, and group challenges.

#### **Theme 1 | Humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons**

##### **Key target: Understand the multidimensional aspects of harm caused by nuclear weapons**

All discussions on nuclear weapons and global security must begin here. Online learning materials will provide participants the opportunity to hear testimonies of Hibakusha (atomic bomb survivors), including of a Korean resident in Japan, and of Sue Coleman-Haseldine, a Kokatha nuclear test

survivor in South Australia. Participants will have an online walk through the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum. At the webinar, participants will meet Koko Kondo, featured in Cannon Hersey's documentary "Hiroshima Revealed" along with her father, a Methodist minister Kiyoshi Tanimoto. A person (TBC) from Australia will also speak about the consequences of nuclear fallout and uranium mining. Both will share with participants their own testimony.

### **Theme 2 | Political, legal and technical aspects – nuclear weapons and global security**

**Key question: How have (or haven't) humanitarian perspectives been incorporated into nuclear weapons and security policies and debates?**

There seems to be a deep gap between those who believe nuclear disarmament is indispensable for global security and those who see nuclear deterrence remains a necessary basis for international stability. How can humanitarian perspectives help bridge the gap? To tackle this question, participants will learn the historical background that has produced the security and nuclear non-proliferation challenges that we face today. In this context, participants will also reflect on the process that led to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) and consider the future of the nuclear order. Guest educators Nick Ritchie and Laura Considine will lead the webinar session pertaining to these issues with videos.

### **Theme 3 | Civil society in action**

**Key question: How can the voices of civil society be better reflected into disarmament and security policies?**

Participants will learn about initiatives taken by NGOs advocating for disarmament by watching videos, including one made by young activists in Japan. At the webinar, participants will meet Miho Tanaka and Mary Popeo, peace activists in Hiroshima, and Daniel Högsta, Campaign Coordinator of ICAN, to further learn about local efforts as well as ICAN's campaigning and advocacy work, which paved the way for the adoption and entry-into-force of the TPNW. With them, participants will discuss how such efforts can make a difference, what obstacles are on the way ahead, and how multi-sectoral and intergenerational cooperation can be pursued effectively. Participants are also encouraged to share the situations of civil society in their own countries.

### **Theme 4 | Diplomacy for disarmament and security and the role of the United Nations**

**Key question: What should governments do for a successful NPT Review Conference and the Meeting of States Parties to the TPNW?**

Participants will learn different positions of governments of the world towards the international disarmament and security agenda and listen to several videos on their policies towards the upcoming NPT Review Conference and the first Meeting of States Parties of the TPNW. During the webinar, participants will engage with UN Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs Izumi Nakamitsu, Governor of Hiroshima Hidehiko Yuzaki, and ICAN Executive Director Beatrice Fihn, to discuss the prospects of those major international conferences and what civil society, including youth, can contribute to encourage governments to lead to their successful outcomes.

## Schedule

**\*All times below are in JST: Japan Standard Time (UTC/GMT+9 hours)**

**\*Orientation and all webinar sessions will be held on Zoom.**

Date	Time	
Tue., Oct. 5	22:00-23:30	<b>Orientation</b>
Fri., Oct. 8	19:00-21:00	<b>Webinar 1</b> <b>Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons</b> Koko Kondo, Survivor of Hiroshima A survivor of nuclear fallout in Australia (TBC)
Tue., Oct. 12	19:00-21:00	<b>Webinar 2</b> <b>Political, legal and technical aspects – nuclear weapons and global security</b> Nick Ritchie, University of York Laura Considine, University of Leeds
Fri., Oct. 15	7:00-9:00	<b>Webinar 3</b> <b>Civil society in action</b> Miho Tanaka, Kakuwaka Hiroshima Mary Popeo, Peace Culture Village Daniel Högsta, ICAN Campaign Coordinator
Fri., Oct. 22	7:00-9:00	<b>Webinar 4</b> <b>Diplomacy for disarmament and security and the role of the United Nations</b> Izumi Nakamitsu, UN High Representative for Disarmament Affairs Hidehiko Yuzaki, Governor of Hiroshima Beatrice Fihn, ICAN Executive Director
Fri., Nov. 5	17:00	Deadline of the <b>Final essay</b>

## Online Learning Materials

All materials are available at the websites below:

\*The same set of learning materials is provided on both the Hiroshima Prefecture and ICAN websites. Please make sure to read and watch both 1 and 2, on either one of these sites.

Hiroshima Prefecture website:

- 1) <https://hiroshimaforpeace.com/en/hiroshima-ican-academy-on-nuclear-weapons-and-global-security-2021-online-learning-materials/>
- 2) <https://hiroshimaforpeace.com/en/online-learning-materials-2021/>

ICAN website:

- 1) [https://www.icanw.org/2021\\_academy\\_learning\\_materials](https://www.icanw.org/2021_academy_learning_materials)
- 2) [https://www.icanw.org/2021\\_academy](https://www.icanw.org/2021_academy)

## Guest Educators and Coordinators

### Guest Educators



#### **Koko KONDO**

Prominent atomic bomb survivor, and the daughter of Kiyoshi Tanimoto, a Methodist minister famous for his work for the Hiroshima Maidens.

Koko Kondo was eight months old when the United States dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945. She and her mother survived the blast even though their home collapsed on top of them. In 1955, she and her father appeared on the popular television program *This Is Your Life*, where they met with Captain Robert A. Lewis, co-pilot of the *Enola Gay*, the bomber which dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima.

She has spent her adult life following in her father's footsteps, working with various organizations to promote peace around the world. She is an internationally recognized peace advocate, telling stories about Hiroshima and giving lectures at schools for students

from elementary school to graduate school. Koko has long been involved with "Children as Peacemakers," which was started in 1982 in San Francisco by Patricia Montandon, and she is still a counselor at the Hiroshima Peace Center.

### **A survivor of nuclear fallout in Australia (TBC)**



#### **Nick RITCHIE**

Dr Nick Ritchie is a Senior Lecturer in International Security at the Department of Politics, University of York, UK, where his research examines the global politics of nuclear weapons and nuclear disarmament. After completing his PhD thesis at the University of Bradford in 2007 on the evolution of US nuclear weapons policy after the Cold War, Nick spent four years researching and teaching at Bradford's Department of Peace Studies before joining York in 2011. He previously worked for five years at the Oxford Research Group, an independent Non-Governmental Organisation working with policy-makers and independent experts on the challenges of global security and nuclear disarmament. His research has focused

on the international movement to ban nuclear weapons culminating in the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in 2017. This has centred on the valuing/devaluing and legitimization/delegitimation of nuclear weapons in national and international politics, and the power politics of nuclear hegemony and the global disarmament movement. He also researches the UK nuclear weapons programme, including the politics of the Trident replacement programme underway since 2006 encompassing options, costs, politics and Scottish independence. His work has been funded by the ESRC, Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust and Nuclear Education Trust. His latest articles are "Universalising the TPNW: Challenges and Opportunities", *Journal for Peace and Nuclear Disarmament* with Ambassador Alexander Kmentt (2021) and "A hegemonic nuclear order: Understanding the Ban Treaty and the power politics of nuclear weapons" *Contemporary*

Security Policy (2019). Follow him at [twitter.com/DrNickRitchie](https://twitter.com/DrNickRitchie)



**Laura CONSIDINE**

Dr Laura Considine is a Lecturer in International Relations and co-Director of the Centre for Global Security Challenges at the University of Leeds. During her PhD at Aberystwyth University, she researched the history of US-Soviet Union nuclear arms control, spending time as a junior fellow at the Kluge Center at the US Library of Congress. She has since published research on nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation and the role of language and narrative in international politics. Her research focuses on how we understand nuclear weapons and how people, power structures, norms and institutions shape these understandings. She is currently working on a project on the role of gender in nuclear weapons forums and is part of an international network of scholars and

activists working on feminist interrogations of nuclear weapons. She has published work on issues of legitimacy in the relationship between the TPNW and the NPT and on the challenges to attempts to change the meaning of nuclear weapons through the Humanitarian Initiative. You can follow her on twitter @LawrahCon



**Miho TANAKA**

Co-representative, Kakuwaka Hiroshima

Miho moved to Hiroshima for work in 2017. In January 2019, she launched Kakuwaka Hiroshima (ICAN Partner), a lobbying group that meets with representatives elected from Hiroshima to ask their thoughts on their government's stance and the nuclear ban treaty. While continuing to work as an engineer, she works with the Kakuwaka team to raise public awareness on the issue through

sharing their actions on their social media. She is also involved in translating campaign news and newsletters issued by International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN).

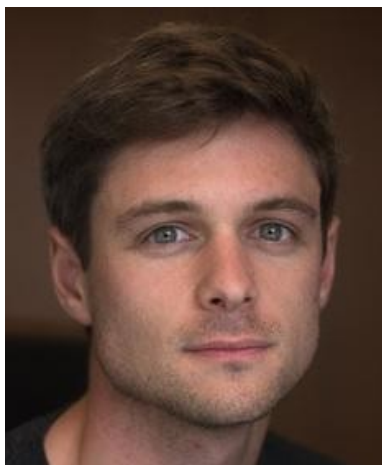


**Mary POPEO**

Mary is co-founder of PCV (Peace Culture Village), a youth-led peace education nonprofit dedicated to creating a sustainable peace culture through peace education, social entrepreneurship, and youth empowerment. After graduating from Boston College, she became a youth organizer and anti-nuclear weapons activist in both Boston and Japan, where she worked with groups such as the American Friends Service Committee, Global Zero, Japan New Women's Association, and Japan Council Against A & H Bombs. Mary has also worked at Harvard University, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Showa Boston Institute for Language and

Culture. She moved to Hiroshima in 2016 to co-found PCV and spent three years managing PCV's ecovillage in the countryside. She now lives in Hiroshima City, where she and the PCV team design Hiroshima-based learning experiences for thousands of people every year.





**Daniel HOGSTA**

Campaign Coordinator of ICAN, responsible for the ICAN Cities Appeal, the ICAN Parliamentary Pledge, as well as supporting the campaign activities and political engagement of ICAN’s partner organisations.

He was previously the liaison for ICAN with the diplomatic corps in Geneva, including with the leading ban treaty-supporting States. During the negotiation of the TPNW in New York in 2017, he helped to lead ICAN’s lobbying team to ensure the Treaty reflected ICAN’s core principles. Since the adoption of the Treaty, his work has focused on supporting the work of ICAN partners in “nuclear umbrella” state contexts, as well as broadening the community of stakeholders that champion the TPNW.

Högsta has worked for ICAN since 2012 and has degrees in Political Science from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and in Law from the University of Edinburgh.



**Izumi NAKAMITSU**

Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu assumed her position as Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs on 1 May 2017. Prior to taking on this post, Ms. Nakamitsu served as Assistant Administrator of the Crisis Response Unit at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) since 2014.

She has many years of experience within and outside the United Nations system, most recently as Special Adviser Ad Interim on Follow-up to the Summit on Addressing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants between 2016 and 2017. She was previously Director of the Asia and the Middle East Division of the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations between 2012 and 2014, and Director of the Department’s Division of Policy, Evaluation and Training, from 2008 to 2012.

Born in 1963, Ms. Nakamitsu holds a Master of Science degree in Foreign Service from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and a Bachelor of Law degree from Waseda University in Tokyo. She is married and has two daughters.



**Hidehiko YUZAKI**

Born in 1965 Yuzaki joined the Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry in April 1990. He founded ACCA Networks Co., Ltd. in March 2000 and served as its Representative Director. In December 2000 he became its Executive Vice President Representative Director.

Since November 29, 2009, he has served as the Governor of Hiroshima Prefecture.

Yuzaki graduated in 1990 from the Faculty of Law at the University of Tokyo, and received a Master of Business Administration from Stanford University in June 1995.



**Beatrice FIHN**

Executive Director of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize-winning campaign coalition that works to prohibit and eliminate nuclear weapons.

Fihn led the campaign since 2013, and has worked to mobilize civil society throughout the development of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Previously, she managed the disarmament program at the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and the Reaching Critical Will project as well as worked with the Geneva Centre for Security Policy. She has delivered keynote lectures on weapons law, humanitarian law, civil society engagement in diplomacy and multilateral institutions, as well as the gender perspective on disarmament work. Fihn holds a Masters

Degree in Law from the University College London and a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations from Stockholm University. She was recently listed as one of the 50 innovators who changed the global landscape in 2017 by Bloomberg Media. Fihn is also the Executive Producer of the film "The Day the World Changed", the first-ever interactive virtual reality memorial experience to pay tribute to those affected directly by nuclear warfare spanning back to 1945.

**Coordinators**



**Annelise GISEBURT**

Reporter

Originally from Seattle, U.S., Annelise lived in Hiroshima from August 2016 to March 2021, where she interned with a UN organization and a local NGO, as well as worked as a translator for a local company. She currently works as a reporter for Tansa, an investigative journalism nonprofit based in Tokyo.



**Nao FUKUOKA**

As a Youth Communicator for a World without Nuclear Weapons, Fukuoka participated in the "Global Voyage for a Nuclear-free World" organized by Peace Boat and coordinated various projects, including on-site testimonies and lectures. After the voyage, she flew to French Polynesia to conduct field research about "Global Hibakusha" and former nuclear test site workers who were exposed to radiation. She is currently in charge of developing Hiroshima-related educational workshops for the NPO "Korekara-no-manabi Network." She also conducts study tours for travelers in Hiroshima and gives lectures at schools in and outside Japan. Her grandfather

is a survivor of the atomic bomb.



**Yumiko IWASAKI**

Iwasaki currently serves as an International Communications Coordinator at the Maruki Gallery (ICAN Partner) for the Hiroshima Panels in Saitama, Japan.

She was a Peace Boat staff member. Travelled with Hibakusha on various "Global Voyages for a Nuclear-Free World" and assisted them with their testimony sessions onboard and around the world. Coordinated various study tours and events in ports of call, including Hibakusha testimony sessions and meetings with Auschwitz survivors.



**Akira KAWASAKI**

Executive Committee Member of Peace Boat / International Steering Group Member of International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)

Born in Japan. He lectures at Keisen University in Tokyo, while also working as an activist advocating for peace and disarmament. In 2009, he served as an NGO Advisor to Co-Chairs of the International Commission on Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (ICNND). He writes and speaks widely on nuclear issues both in Japan and abroad.

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