



# **Hiroshima - ICAN Academy on Nuclear Weapons and Global Security 2022**

## **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 2022. Through this training program, we aim to nurture global leaders who can make concrete contributions towards a more peaceful and secure world. The Academy 2022 is planned to be held in two sessions; "Online Learning and Webinar Session", and "Hiroshima Session". Participants are expected to complete both sessions.

#### **Program:**

During the Online Learning and Webinar Session, participants will learn through a combination of online learning and webinars. During the Hiroshima Session, participants will learn through a combination of fieldwork (including visiting the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and Peace Memorial Museum), lectures, and group challenges. 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.

#### ***Key focuses***

Hiroshima-ICAN Academy deals with issues related to nuclear weapons and global security with focuses on the following four dimensions:

1. Humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons
2. Political, legal and technical aspects – nuclear weapons and global security
3. Civil society in action
4. Diplomacy for disarmament and security and the role of the United Nations

#### ***Themes***

The Academy 2022 sets the overall theme of "**Nuclear weapons and sustainability**". The grave risks associated with nuclear weapons have become evident today as global concerns regarding the climate and health crises grow. The current war in Ukraine has added urgency for the world to

tackle these risks. The wave of nuclear proliferation and militarization around the globe poses the question of what sustainable security is for all. The relationship between the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and disarmament will be explored, as well as how we can fill the gap in achieving those goals. SDGs should be pursued not only from the perspectives of environment and development but also from those of human rights and inclusivity, along with their call to “leave no one behind.” Participants are expected to tackle these problems in order to seek sustainable solutions for present security issues, through a critical and interactive learning process.

## Schedule

### 1) Online Learning and Webinar Session

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

Date	
Tue., Oct. 25	<p><b>Webinar 1</b> <b>Humanitarian and environmental consequences of nuclear weapons, which disregard human rights</b></p> <p>All discussions on nuclear weapons must begin here. Participants will hear two testimonies - the story of a family who was exposed to the bombing in Hiroshima 77 years ago, and the stories of Americans harmed by four decades of nuclear weapons testing - and learn about their multi-layered suffering, including its human rights dimension.</p> <p><b>Koko Kondo</b>, Survivor of Hiroshima <b>Mary Dickson</b>, Downwinder and thyroid cancer survivor</p>
Fri., Oct. 28	<p><b>Webinar 2</b> <b>How does nuclear disarmament correlate with achieving the SDGs?</b></p> <p>Participants will explore the connection between nuclear disarmament and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), through investigating the implications of nuclear armaments on the environment and development, and the nuclear culture of violence and racism. Can nuclear weapons provide sustainable security for all?</p> <p><b>Kunihiko Shimada</b>, Principal Director for HOPE <b>Rebecca Irby</b>, New Detroit</p>
Tue., Nov. 1	<p><b>Webinar 3</b> <b>Nuclear weapons' impact on environment – past, present and future</b></p> <p>Participants will consider the environmental impacts of nuclear weapons from bomb detonation sites, uranium mines, ocean dumping, waste storage facilities and beyond, which have been shown around the world. They will further examine the climate disruption and famine that would follow a nuclear war and discuss how to tackle these risks today.</p> <p><b>Karly Burch</b>, Otago University <b>Ira Helfand</b>, IPPNW</p>
Tue., Nov. 1	<b>Webinar 3+</b>

	<p><b>United Nations, the SDGs and nuclear disarmament</b></p> <p>Participants will have the precious opportunity to meet and interact with the UN's head for disarmament affairs, and learn from her insights regarding opportunities and challenges in nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation and global security today. The relationship between disarmament and the SDGs will also be highlighted.</p> <p><b>Izumi Nakamitsu</b>, UN High Representative for Disarmament Affairs</p>
Fri., Nov. 4	<p><b>Webinar 4</b></p> <p><b>Financial aspects of nuclear weapons – spending, corporations and divestment</b></p> <p>How much money is used for nuclear weapons and how can we change this? Participants will learn about the roles of corporations and financial institutions in disarmament and security. Divestment efforts will be highlighted, along with the relationship with existing international law, norms and ambitions, such as the SDGs.</p> <p><b>Susi Snyder</b>, ICAN Financial Sector Coordinator  <b>Tommy Piemonte</b>, Bank für Kirche und Caritas</p>
Mon., Nov. 28	Deadline of the <b>Final essay</b>

## **2) Hiroshima Session**

An intensive in-person training program in Hiroshima to learn about the humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons through activities such as directly hearing testimonies of the survivors, visiting A-bombed remains and the peace museum, meeting the Governor and Mayor of Hiroshima, and interacting with local youth activists.

Dates: Wednesday, November 9 – Saturday, November 12.

Venue: An accommodation and training facility in Hiroshima City

## **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.



#### **Mary DICKSON**

Award-winning writer/playwright Mary Dickson is an American downwinder and thyroid cancer survivor from Salt Lake City, Utah who is an internationally recognized advocate for radiation-exposed individuals who have suffered due to harms they endured from nuclear weapons testing in the U.S. She has written and spoken widely about the human toll of nuclear weapons testing at conferences, symposia and forums in the U.S. and Japan, including the World Nuclear Survivors Forums in 2015 and 2021 and the 2022 ICAN Nuclear Ban Forum in Vienna. Exposed, her play combining her own experience with powerful documentation, received critical acclaim when it premiered in Salt Lake City, Utah. It has

subsequently toured universities and venues nationwide as a staged reading. She has been honored by the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability for her lifetime work on behalf of those harmed by nuclear weapons testing conducted by the U.S. government in Nevada. She is currently working with a nation-wide coalition of affected community members and allied organizations to pass bills before the U.S. Congress that would expand and extend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, enacted in 1990 to provide partial restitution to victims of testing.



#### **Kunihiro SHIMADA**

Kunihiro SHIMADA serves as Principal Director for HOPE, leading the initiative for achieving "sustainable world without nuclear weapons." Shimada has served as CEO at KS International Strategies, Inc. – Consulting/Advisory Firm and Professional Negotiation Agency, providing mediation services, strategic advice to firms on sustainable business models and M&A negotiations as well as trainings on negotiation, risk communication, and leadership at various universities, multinational firms, and governments internationally. Mr. Shimada has worked as peace mediator for multiple cases globally as well as provided various clients with advice on risk management and geopolitical risks. Shimada was also Principal Negotiator of Japan on Climate Change

(2005-2016) as well as UN Peace Mediator (1998-2005). For more information, please visit <http://www.ksis.co.jp/en>



### **Rebecca IRBY**

Rebecca Irby holds ECOSOC Special Consulting Status at the United Nations with her NGO PEAC Institute, where she is the Co-Founder and Board President. She is on the Financing for Development Committee and sits on the Working Group on Climate Finance. Rebecca is also the Director of Programs & Services at New Detroit, A Racial Justice Organization, which she joined on December 1, 2021, after spending the last 16 years in the education sector. Rebecca is an educator and activist who opens spaces of peace and cross-cultural communication around the world. Her work encompasses the creation of experiential learning in

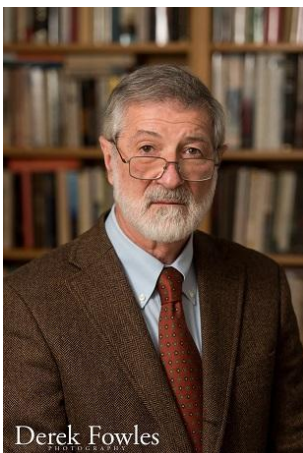
social skills, diversity, cultural awareness, and communication training for marginalized youth, organizations, institutions, and governmental groups. She has spoken at and worked with prominent institutions and governments such as The Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade, & Industry, Nagoya University, Gifu University, Harvard Law School, the Yale Policy Conference, NJ Department of Education, Rutgers University, the National Liberty Museum, and The PyeongChang Global Peace Forum, to name a few.



### **Karly BURCH**

Karly Burch (she/her) is a research fellow at the University of Otago's Centre for Sustainability. In February 2023 she will transition to the role of lecturer in the School of Social Sciences at the University of Auckland. Karly specializes in feminist and anticolonial science and technology studies (STS), ethnographic methods and collaborative research strategies, and her research agenda addresses questions of social and environmental justice related to health, food and technology (in both disaster and design). Her current research projects explore the material politics of nuclear pollution, artificially intelligent robotics in agriculture and collaborative

research for sustainable technofutures. Karly received a PhD in sociology from the University of Otago and an MSc in agroecology from the Norwegian University of Life Sciences and ISARA-Lyon. She was recently awarded a Critical Nuclear Weapons Scholarship Grant from the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN). The grant was awarded to Karly and her collaborators Emily Simmonds and Sonja Mueller, and is funding collaborative research for the academic paper currently titled, "What are the nuclear futures we want? Anticolonial mapping as a tool to imagine Indigenous and settler futures beyond nuclear imperialism and nuclear colonialism." You can learn more about Karly and her research at [www.karlyburch.com](http://www.karlyburch.com).



### **Ira HELFAND**

Ira, MD, is a member of the International Steering Group of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), the recipient of the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize, and Immediate Past President of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, the founding partner of ICAN and itself the recipient of the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize. He is also co-Founder and Past President of Physicians for Social Responsibility, IPPNW's US affiliate, and a member of the Steering Committee of the Back from the Brink campaign. He has published in the



New England Journal of Medicine, the Lancet, the British Medical Journal and the World Medical Journal on the medial consequences of nuclear war and has lectured about nuclear war in Russia, China, Japan, Korea, India, Pakistan, Israel, Turkey, Brazil, Mexico, Columbia, and across Europe and North America. He spoke at the 2013 and 2014 International Conferences on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons and chaired the session on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear weapons at the UN Open Ended Working Group in 2016 that lead to the negotiation of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons the following year. Dr. Helfand was educated at Harvard College and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and recently retired as staff physician at Family Care Medical Center. He lives with his wife, Deborah Smith, a medical oncologist in Leeds, MA, USA, and has two grown sons and two grandchildren.



**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.



**Susi SNYDER**

Susi is the financial sector coordinator at the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. She facilitates engagement with and by the financial sector on nuclear weapons related issues. Susi also coordinates the Don't Bank on the Bomb project. She is an expert on nuclear weapons, with over two decades experience working at the intersect between nuclear

weapons and human rights. Susi is a Foreign Policy Interrupted/ Bard College 2020 fellow and one of the 2016 Nuclear Free Future Award Laureates. Susi has worked in PAX's humanitarian disarmament team, coordinating nuclear disarmament efforts. Susi previously served as the Secretary General of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom at their Geneva secretariat.

She was named Hero of Las Vegas in 2001 for her work with Indigenous populations against US nuclear weapons development and nuclear waste dumping. Susi currently lives in Utrecht, the Netherlands with her husband and son.



**Tommy PIMONTE**

Tommy is Head of Sustainable Investment Research at Bank für Kirche und Caritas (BKC), a Catholic church Bank based in Paderborn, Germany. He is mainly responsible for the further development, operational implementation and monitoring of the bank's ethically-sustainable

investment strategy. He is also responsible for the associated engagement activities. In this context, he is the Bank's representative and a founding member of the European engagement network of institutional investors Shareholders for Change.

Above all, his expertise helps the Bank's institutional clients, such as charitable foundations and church and charitable institutions, to develop and implement an individual, ethically-sustainable investment strategy. Prior to joining BKC, Tommy Piemonte was Head of the German sustainability rating agency at imug in Hanover (research and sales network partner of Moody's ESG Solutions). The graduate economist complements his experience with many years of work in the financial market, including as a securities specialist at Deutsche Bank. He has written numerous publications on sustainable investment. Mr. Piemonte studied economics at Universities in Nürtingen (Germany) and Rome (Italy).



### **Hidehiko YUZAKI**

Yuzaki Hidehiko is the Governor of Hiroshima Prefecture. He is in his fourth term since he was first elected in 2009. He co-founded ACCA Networks Co., Ltd. in 2000 and served as Executive Vice President and Representative Director to engage in the roll-out of low cost/fixed cost broadband access and contributed to the infrastructure of Japan's internet industry. He began his professional career at the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (presently Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry) and worked on automobiles, trade with the United States, energy, and start-ups. He holds a BA from the University of Tokyo and earned an MBA from Stanford University.



### **Kazumi MATSUI**

Mayor, The City of Hiroshima

Born: January 8, 1953

Education: Graduated from the Faculty of Law, Kyoto University

1976      Joined Ministry of Labour

1989      First Secretary, Embassy of Japan in the United Kingdom

1993      Director, Women Worker's Division, Women's Bureau

1994      Director, Employment Measures for the Aged Division,  
Measures for the Aged and Disabled Department, Employment Security

Bureau

2002      Director, General Coordination Division, Minister's Secretariat

2006      Assistant Minister for International Affairs / Japanese representative to the ILO Governing  
Body

2008      Director General, Secretariat of Central Labour Relations Commission

2011      Assumed office as Mayor of Hiroshima

2015      Re-elected as Mayor of Hiroshima

2019      Re-elected as Mayor of Hiroshima



### **Seiichiro TAKEMINE**

Alongside conducting fieldwork in the Marshall Islands for over 20 years, he established a Global Hibakusha Subcommittee at the Peace Studies Association of Japan and has been researching nuclear victims/ survivors around the world. In recent years, while living in Hiroshima, he has been involved in a collaborative research to uncover and compare compensation

systems for nuclear victims around the world. In collaboration with his research colleagues, he produces a new website, "Seeking Justice: Compensation for Nuclear Victims/ Survivors around the World" <<https://nuclear-justice.net>>. At the First Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, in cooperation with NGOs and experts, he made practical efforts such as compiling and submitting recommendations <<https://nuclear-justice.net/1197>> to the conference on how to promote "assistance to nuclear victims and environmental restoration" under Articles 6 and 7 of the Treaty. He is a professor at the Department of Sociology, Meisei University and holds a doctorate from Waseda University.



**Mayu SETO**

Mayu was born and raised in Hiroshima. She participated in the "Global Voyage for Nuclear Free World" organized by the NGO Peace Boat and traveled with a-bomb survivors from Hiroshima and Nagasaki as a Youth Communicator for a World without Nuclear Weapons, working to raise awareness of the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons and to pass on survivors' stories to the next generation. Living in Hiroshima, now she works as a singer-songwriter, and has written a song about her travels with survivors. She also works to plan events and educational programs where people from both inside and outside the city

can learn about what happened in Hiroshima and connect this learning to actions they can take to resolve nuclear issues today.



**Katsumi TAKAHASHI**

Hiroshima Peace Volunteer

A peace activist at the intersection of many local volunteer groups, he retired from engineering work and was inspired to support the causes and memories of Hiroshima. He has a seven-year tenure guiding visitors in Peace Memorial Park as a member of "Hiroshima Peace Volunteers," run by the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum. Additionally, he is Vice Chair of both the NPO World Friendship Center (WFC) and the Hiroshima Coventry Club.

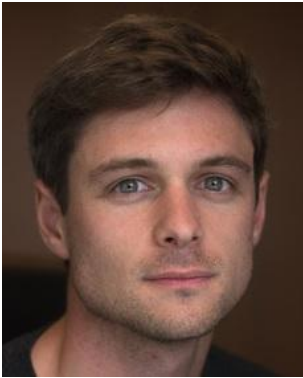


**Beatrice FIHN**

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.





**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.



**Bedi RACULE**

Bedi hails from the Marshall Islands and Pohnpei in the Federated States of Micronesia, with roots in Hawaii and Fiji. She has just completed her postgraduate degree in Development Studies at the University of the South Pacific where she was serving as the former president of MISA4thePacific - a grassroots youth nuclear justice organization. Bedi is also engaged as the Interning Ecumenical Enabler for Climate Justice at the Pacific Conference of Churches and steering committee member of

the Nuclear Truth Project. She recently attended the First Meeting of State Parties to the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Vienna, Austria where she met nuclear victims from Japan and other parts of the world and shared truths about the Pacific nuclear legacy.

**Coordinators**



**Annelise GISEBURT**

Freelance

Annelise is a freelance journalist, translator, and editor. As a journalist, she has reported on topics such as false climate solutions and abuses in the fishing industry. Annelise lived in Hiroshima from 2016 to 2021, during part of which time she worked with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research Hiroshima Office and local nonprofit ANT-Hiroshima. Originally from Seattle,

Annelise currently lives in Tokyo.



**Nao FUKUOKA**

As a Youth Communicator for a World without Nuclear Weapons, Nao 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.



**Yumi IWASAKI**

Yumi currently serves as International Communications Coordinator at the Maruki Gallery (ICAN Partner) for the Hiroshima Panels in Saitama, Japan. She was a Peace Boat staff member for many years, and travelled with Hibakusha on various "Global Voyages for a Nuclear-Free World," assisting them with their testimony sessions onboard and around the world. She coordinated various study tours and events in ports of call, including Hibakusha testimony sessions and meetings with Auschwitz survivors.



**Mirei TASHIRO**

Mirei is a peace organizer both as a staff member at the NPO World Friendship Center as well as freelance across various programs in Hiroshima. She has coordinated hibakusha testimonies for local & international participants, including assisting in the ICAN Academy program in Hiroshima in 2021 and 2022. She is a co-producer of "Grandchildren of Hiroshima," a play based on hibakusha interviews, performed in Hiroshima every summer.



**Akira KAWASAKI**

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

Born in Japan. Since 2008, Mr Kawasaki coordinates the "Global Voyage for a Nuclear-Free World: Peace Boat Hibakusha Project." In 2009-2010, he served as an NGO Advisor to the Co-chairs of the International Commission on Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (ICNND). Kawasaki joined the ICAN for Peace Boat in 2010, served as Co-chair (2012-2014), and now serves as President of the Swiss-registered association of ICAN. As a Co-chair of the Japan NGO Network for Nuclear Weapons Abolition, he facilitates dialogue between the Japanese government, parliamentarians and NGOs. Kawasaki lectures at Keisen University and Rikkyo University, Tokyo. He was awarded the 33rd Kiyoshi Tanimoto Peace Prize by Hiroshima Peace Center in 2021.

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