



Hiroshima - ICAN Academy on Nuclear Weapons and Global Security 2024

Guidance for Participants

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Program Framework

Introduction:

Hiroshima Prefecture and the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons ("ICAN"), the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, will hold the Hiroshima-ICAN Academy on Nuclear Weapons and Global Security 2024. Through this training program, we aim to nurture global leaders who can make concrete contributions towards a more peaceful and secure world. The Academy 2024 is planned to be held in three parts: "Online Learning and Webinars," "Hiroshima Session" and "Online Reflection Session." Participants are expected to complete all three parts.

Program:

During the Online Learning and Webinars, 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 work. 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 2024 sets the overall theme of “**Sustainable security for all.**” In 2023, the G7 Hiroshima Summit highlighted global challenges to security and sustainability as well as measures to address them, including the promotion of nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament, clean energy and environmental conservation, and sustainable economic development. Indeed, looking at today’s world, it is clear that security and sustainability are deeply linked. A broad understanding of security is necessary to address current global challenges, including nuclear weapons: Beyond military might, we must consider human and environmental security that mends divisions and inequalities and preserves a livable planet. Centered on the humanitarian and environmental consequences of nuclear weapons, the Academy fosters discussion among diverse voices, exploring ways to build a sustainable, secure world for all.

Schedule

1) Online Learning and Webinars

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

Date	Time	
Wed., Oct.16	8:00-9:30	<p>Orientation</p> <p>Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83696350010?pwd=efYzun99HQ74DtbZ7Jzi4K8J2Cnpq.1 Meeting ID: 836 9635 0010 Passcode: 807953</p>
Fri., Oct.18	9:00-11:00	<p>Webinar 1 The humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons Topic 1: The atomic bombing of Hiroshima Kazuhiko Futagawa, Survivor of atomic bombing in utero Topic 2: Downwinders Mary Dickson, Downwinder and thyroid cancer survivor</p> <p>Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88265576857?pwd=P5u8Nybd3cDvbx9Z8HgOdHuAmCLTkj.1 Meeting ID: 882 6557 6857 Passcode: 638418</p>
Mon., Oct. 21	20:00-22:00	<p>Webinar 2 Current and future nuclear risks Topic 1: What does nuclear deterrence look like in 2024? Laura Considine, Associate Professor in International Politics at the University of Leeds and co-Director of the Centre for Global Security Challenges Topic 2: Emerging technology Yasmin Afina, Researcher for the Security and Technology Programme at UNIDIR</p>

		<p>Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85628058746?pwd=hzwsGvwYHqDaGnav2V05ce0VDaau2.1 Meeting ID: 856 2805 8746 Passcode: 881871</p>
Thurs., Oct.24	20:00-22:00	<p>Webinar 3 The social, economic, and environmental impacts of nuclear weapons Topic 1: Environmental impacts Robert Jacobs, Professor at the Hiroshima Peace Institute of Hiroshima City University Topic 2: Social and economic impacts Franziska Stärk, Researcher at the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (IFSH)</p> <p>Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81073851824?pwd=VZsKFwWZzs8qhOHw94G0Y5sFJcakvd.1 Meeting ID: 810 7385 1824 Passcode: 643590</p>
Mon., Oct.28	21:00-23:00	<p>Webinar 4 The roles of the UN and civil society Topic 1: Role of civil society and how to collaborate with other justice movements Melissa Parke, Executive Director of ICAN Topic 2: Role of the UN for disarmament and links to other global issues Christopher King, Deputy chief of the Weapons of Mass Destruction Branch and head of the Science and Technology Unit of UNODA</p> <p>Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86361652884?pwd=iekhxaOW8yAbAJvbVS94qTD8MunubB.1 Meeting ID: 863 6165 2884 Passcode: 732941</p>

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 survivors, visiting A-bombed sites and the Peace Memorial Museum, meeting the Governor and Mayor of Hiroshima, and interacting with local youth activists.

Dates: Wednesday, November 13 – Saturday, November 16, 2024.

Venue: An accommodation and training facility in Hiroshima City

*Participants are expected to arrive in Hiroshima on Tuesday, November 12 and leave on Sunday, November 17. Accommodation will be provided from the evening of the 12th to the morning of the 17th in Hiroshima.

*Participants are expected to make their own way to Hiroshima, in principle.

3) Reflection Session

Friday, December 6, 8:00-10:00 (JST)

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 them, on either one of these sites.

Hiroshima Prefecture website:

<https://hiroshimaforpeace.com/en/hiroshima-ican-academy-2024-online-learning-materials/>

ICAN website:

https://www.icanw.org/hiroshima_ican_academy_2024_olm

Materials requiring passwords:

-Before coming to Hiroshima

Suggested video 4: Cannon Hersey, “Hiroshima Revealed” (2015)

This film is not public, but access has been kindly shared with Academy participants.

Please do not share this password with anyone else.

Password: 1future

Assignments

Preparation for orientation

Please prepare a 30-second self introduction and introduce what you expect to learn/know from the Academy.

Preparation for the upcoming webinars

Read and watch the Online Learning Materials and prepare.

We suggest researching the following points to enrich the program content even further:

- Your country’s position on nuclear weapons and the TPNW and its reasons.
- Whether/how your country has been harmed by nuclear weapons industries.
- Recent activities by nuclear disarmament campaigners in your country.

Final Essay

Reflecting on both sessions, submit the final essay as below.

Please assess what you learned through the sessions of the Academy and explain how you plan to utilise this in remaining active in the issues of nuclear weapons and global security. If any, please include concrete ways to be active or involved.

Length: Up to 700 words

Deadline: 17:00 JST on Monday, December 2

Certificate

The “Hiroshima-ICAN Academy 2024 Certificate” will be presented to participants upon participating in all sessions and submitting the assignments within the time provided.

Guest Educators and Coordinators

Guest Educators



Kazuhiko FUTAGAWA

Kazuhiko Futagawa is one of the youngest survivors of the A-bombing of Hiroshima. He was still in his mother's womb at the time and now shares his experience as an "in-utero" hibakusha. He did not experience the events of August 6, 1945, but based on what he has heard from his relatives, conveys the suffering of his late mother's experience of losing her husband and one of her children by the A-bomb, as well as the prejudice that A-bomb survivors have faced. (The Japanese government officially recognized children of hibakusha born between Aug. 6, 1945, and May 31, 1946, as in-utero hibakusha of Hiroshima, and between Aug. 9, 1945, and June 3, 1946, as in-utero hibakusha of Nagasaki.)



Mary DICKSON

Salt Lake City downwinder, author and playwright Mary Dickson is an internationally recognized advocate for survivors of nuclear weapons testing. She has written and spoken widely about the human toll of nuclear weapons including speaking engagements in the U.S., Japan, Europe and most recently Central America. Her articles have appeared in USA Today, The Progressive and The Hill. She has worked tirelessly with other cancer survivors to expand federal legislation that would compensate more downwinders and uranium miners through the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act. Most recently she was a guest educator on the 2024 PeaceBoat 177th Voyage. She was selected as the Community Practitioner in the University of Utah Environmental Humanities Program this semester. Her play, "Exposed," received critical acclaim during its sold out premiere in Salt Lake City and has been presented as a staged reading around the country.



Laura CONSIDINE

Dr. Laura Considine is an Associate Professor in International Politics at the University of Leeds. Her current work focuses on conceptualizing nuclear weapons in international politics, feminist and everyday approaches to nuclear weapons and nuclear narratives. Her work has been published in International Affairs, International Theory, Review of International Studies and the European Journal of International Relations.



Yasmin AFINA

Yasmin Afina is a Researcher for the Security and Technology Programme at United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, where her research covers the intersection between international security, international law and artificial intelligence. Her research experience and interests cover nuclear weapons policy, outer space security, and wider international

security and policy issues surrounding emerging technologies, including neurotechnology, quantum technologies, and cyber. Yasmin is also a PhD Researcher in law at the University of Essex. She previously worked as Research Fellow at Chatham House, where she led the Institute's work on AI policy, and notably testified in front of the UK House of Lords' AI in Weapon Systems Select Committee.



Robert JACOBS

Robert Jacobs is a Professor of History at the Hiroshima Peace Institute and the Graduate School of Peace Studies of Hiroshima City University. He is a historian of science and technology focused on nuclear technologies, radiation technopolitics and environmental justice. His book, *Nuclear Bodies: The Global Hibakusha* (Yale 2022), presents over a decade of field research conducted in more than 20 countries on the effects of radiation exposures to individuals and communities from nuclear weapon testing, production and accidents, globally. He has published and edited multiple books and articles on nuclear history and culture. In a

previous life he was a chef and worked in the organic produce industry.



Franziska STÄRK

Franziska Stärk is a researcher in the "Arms Control and Emerging Technologies" project at the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (IFSH). She is also an external PhD candidate at the Erasmus School of Social and Behavioural Sciences at Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands. Before joining IFSH, she worked as a Policy Advisor for the Munich Security Conference, where she tackled a wide array of security policy issues, including arms control, energy security, and human security. Her research focuses on nuclear arms control and critical security studies. In her dissertation project, she studies intergenerational justice and nuclear weapons. Furthermore, Franziska is interested in the interplay of different non-proliferation and arms control

regimes, the legitimacy crisis of the global nuclear order, and the debate on extended nuclear deterrence in Europe.



Melissa PARKE

Executive Director of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) since September 2023, Melissa Parke is a former Minister for International Development and former Member of Parliament for the Labor Party for Fremantle (2007 to 2016). As a federal parliamentarian in Australia, she regularly voiced support for nuclear disarmament, including as a member of a cross-party parliamentary group dedicated to the cause, and as Australian chair of Parliamentarians for Global Action and founding chair of the Australia–United Nations parliamentary group. Ms Parke's work on nuclear issues began in the

1990s, when she joined a campaign to oppose the establishment of a global nuclear waste dump in her home state of Western Australia (one of the two Australian states where the United Kingdom tested nuclear weapons in the 1950s). Prior to entering the Australian Parliament, Ms Parke served as an international lawyer with the United Nations in Kosovo, Gaza, New York and Lebanon (1999 to 2007). More recently, she served as a member of the UN Group of Eminent Experts on Yemen,

mandated by the UN Human Rights Council to investigate violations of international human rights and humanitarian law.



Christopher KING

Chris King is the Chief of the WMD Branch in the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), where he is responsible for — inter alia — the implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) and the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), deliberations of the UN General Assembly and Security Council as it relates to WMD (especially resolutions 1540 and 2118), and the Secretary-General’s Mechanism for Investigation of Alleged Use of Chemical and Biological Weapons. He joined the United Nations in January 2015 and has served as the Chief of UNODA’s Strategic Planning and Science and Technology Units. Prior to the UN, he served in the

Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.



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

Kazumi Matsui is Mayor of the City of Hiroshima. Born in 1953, he graduated from the Faculty of Law, Kyoto University before joining the Ministry of Labour in 1976. In 1989, he served as first secretary at the Embassy of Japan in the United Kingdom, and in 1993 he became director of the Women Workers Division, Women’s Bureau. In 1994, he became the director of the Employment Measures for the Aged Division, Measures for the Aged and Disabled Department, Employment Security Bureau, and from 2002 he served as director of the General Coordination Division,

Minister’s Secretariat. In 2006, he became assistant minister for International Affairs and Japanese representative to the ILO Governing Body, and from 2008 he served as director general of the Secretariat of Central Labour Relations Commission. He assumed his current office as mayor of Hiroshima in 2011, and was re-elected in 2015 and 2019.



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.



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.



Momoka NARASAKI

Born in 2000 in Hiroshima. She took a break from high school to study abroad in Canada when she was 17. On returning, she began working as an international youth volunteer in Hiroshima Prefecture, giving tours to international guests. She joined PCV in 2022. Joining the G7/G20 Youth Japan from 2023 and Global Shapers Community Fukuoka from June 2024.

As a Hiroshima local, and as a young person who struggled through high school, she hopes that she can help students visiting Hiroshima to realize the importance of “being yourself,” while being considerate of others.



Katsumi TAKAHASHI

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.



Shunsuke TAGA

Born in 1950 in Kure City, Hiroshima Prefecture, Taga is a second-generation hibakusha. While working as a social studies teacher at junior and senior high schools, he was involved in educational initiatives related to peace and human rights. In particular, he considered what he could do to help students with Korean roots who were suffering from discrimination in Japanese society. This led to Taga’s involvement with the Association for the Relief of Korean Atomic Bomb Victims. In 2022, he created an association that aims to establish a monument to Chinese hibakusha in Hiroshima. Taga believes that learning about non-Japanese hibakusha is important for better understanding the inhumanity of nuclear

weapons.

Organizations to visit

Radiation Effects Research Foundation (RERF)

A cooperative Japan-US Research Organization that studies radiation effects in the survivors of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Several fixed cohorts and sub-cohorts have been established to provide epidemiological and clinical data on the health status and mortality of the survivors and their children. Laboratory-based research in the fields of radiobiology, immunology, genetics, and molecular epidemiology is conducted to interpret numerous findings and contribute to understanding of disease induction mechanisms.

<https://www.rerf.or.jp/en/>

Coordinators



Annelise GISEBURT

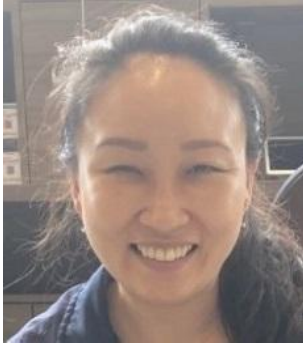
Annelise is a freelance journalist, translator, and editor. As a journalist, her work focuses on environmental topics such as energy, ecosystems, and the impacts of climate change; her articles have been published by media such as Mongabay and the Japan Times. Annelise lived in Hiroshima from 2016 to 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.



Mirei TASHIRO

Mirei is a freelance researcher, translator, and peace education coordinator across various programs in Hiroshima. She is also a co-producer of “Grandchildren of Hiroshima,” an intergenerational play based on hibakusha interviews, performed in Hiroshima every summer since 2015.



Akira KAWASAKI

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

In 2008, Mr Kawasaki initiated 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 Rikkyo University, Tokyo. He was awarded the 33rd Kiyoshi Tanimoto Peace Prize by Hiroshima Peace Center in 2021.

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