

緊急人道支援学会企画型セッション 2 C : Special Session 2 C

改めて問う人道主義 (Rethinking Humanitarianism)

Presenters and Moderator

Presenters

- (i) Shoko Hanzawa
Head of delegation in Japan, International Committee of the Red Cross
Title: Delving into Neutral, Independent, Impartial Humanitarian Action (NIIHA)
- (ii) Sho Akahoshi
Associate Professor, the Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies, Kobe University
Title: Transforming humanitarian governance from below? From the perspective of reflexive governance
- (iii) Oscar A. Gomez
Associate Professor, the College of Asia Pacific Studies, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University.
Title: The Japan Society for Humanitarian Action Studies and the Decolonizing Humanitarianism debate

Moderator

Masanobu Horie
Professor, Aoyama Gakuin University, the Faculty of Global Studies and Collaboration.

Main Discussion Point

Humanitarian assistance has a long history, and it is not possible to identify the starting point. However, especially since the beginning of 1990s', international humanitarian assistance has been facing with major challenges. For instance, the United Nations has conducted major humanitarian assistance system reforms several times and has been trying to make it more efficient and create synergy impacts among different assistances and actors.

Such humanitarian assistance has core principles which are humanity, impartiality, independence, and neutrality, which can be translated as that humanitarian assistance is a non-political action. Since the principles were first established in the proclamation of the fundamental principle of the red cross in 1965, they have been widely adopted by the UN and other assistance agencies including donor governments.

Despite afore mentioned international efforts, political agendas have been always hindering timely humanitarian assistance to save lives and alleviate sufferings. In this panel, we will re-think what the foundation of humanitarian assistance must be and how it should be recognized and practiced by related parties.

Since humanitarianism, the faith of humanitarian assistance, is a central value of the Japan Society of Humanitarian Action Studies, we wish to continue discussing this topic in coming conferences as well.

Plan (16:30-18:00)

16:30	Opening
16:35	Presentation No. 1 Shoko Hanzawa
16:55	Presentation No. 2 Sho Akahoshi
17:15	Presentation No. 3 Oscar A. Gomez
17:35	Questions, Answers and Opinions Exchanges among participants
17:50	Wrap Up and Some Proposals from the Participants
18:00	End of the Session

Panel Members of Rethinking Humanitarianism Session



Shoko Hanzawa Presenter

Head of Delegation in Japan, International Committee of the Red Cross

Prior to her current role, Hanzawa was the Humanitarian Affairs Advisor at ICRC Japan and committed herself to gaining support from the authorities and promoting its principled humanitarian action. Over her 10-year career in the humanitarian field, Hanzawa worked for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and Doctors without Borders. She has professional experiences in foreign missions, in places such as Afghanistan, Israel and the occupied territories and Myanmar. She holds a Master's degree in International Affairs from Columbia University, USA.



Sho Akahoshi Presenter

Associate Professor, Kobe University, the Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies (GSICS), Japan

He studies International Relations, especially focusing on the role of international organizations in global governance with the cases of humanitarian assistance, development, and environmental protection. He is the author of *Global Governance of Assistance for Internally Displaced Persons* (Yushindo, 2020, in Japanese) and his work has been published in peer-reviewed journals, including *CDR Quarterly* or *International Relations* (in Japanese). He holds a Ph.D degree in Political Science from Kobe University, Japan.



Oscar A. Gómez Presenter

Associate Professor at the College of Asia Pacific Studies, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

Gomez's main interest is in global governance and the practice of human security, emphasizing international cooperation and humanitarian crises. Major recent projects include research on (1) human security norms and perceptions in the ASEAN+3, (2) crisis management beyond the humanitarian-development nexus, and (3) the "global south" and non-Western humanitarianism. He worked for five years (2013-2018) as a Research Fellow for the JICA Research Institute. He was part of a panel discussion at the UN on human security operationalization in 2013 and co-authored background papers for 2014, 2016, 2020, and 2022 UNDP's Human Development



Masanobu Horie Moderator

Professor, Aoyama Gakuin University, Department of Global Studies and Collaboration

After obtaining BA in economics, Masanobu joined a private construction company where he was in charge of ODA projects in Southeast Asia for 12 years. He joined the UN World Food Programme in 2005 and worked in Indonesia, Sudan, the Philippines, Yemen and Afghanistan as a programme officer and a donor relations officer. He has been a professor in the field of international cooperation studies since 2017.

He holds a Ph.D. degree in International Relations from Waseda University, Japan