

■ Overview

Our predecessor, Institute for Peace Science, Hiroshima University (IPSHU) was established on July 8, 1975 as an intramural, university-wide facility for collection of data and research into peace studies. At that time, IPSHU was the first academic research body of its kind in Japan, and to this day it remains the only peace research institute in Japan's national universities. IPSHU became a permanent academic institution with broader functions, and to reflect this change it was renamed as The Center for Peace, Hiroshima University (CPHU) on April 1, 2018.

■ Main Activities

1. Promotion of Peace Studies.
2. Networking of scholars in the field of Peace Studies.
3. Collection and archiving of materials on Peace Studies.
4. Database building and management focusing on *hibakusha* and the atomic bombing of Hiroshima.
5. Dissemination of information on and research outcomes of Peace Studies.
6. Facilitation of academic and educational social responsibility.

■ Staff Members as of 2019

Noriyuki KAWANO, Director/Professor

(Peace Studies; research focuses on nuclear damages, particularly regarding Hiroshima/Nagasaki, Semipalatinsk, and Chernobyl)

Mari Katayanagi, Vice Director/Professor & Vice Dean of Graduate School for International Development and Cooperation

(International Law, Peacebuilding)

Shinsuke TOMOTSUGU, Associate Professor

(Nuclear Non-proliferation, International Politics)

Luli van der DOES, Associate Professor

(Social science, Interdisciplinary Analytics)

Tsuneo NISHIDA, Honorary Director

(Former Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations)

Isao KISO, Specially Appointed Professor

(Former Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Japan to the UNESCO)

Concurrent

Affiliated Researchers (Hiroshima University): 15

Affiliated Researchers (Other universities and institutes): 49

Honorary Director: 1

Advisers: 1

■ Library

Currently includes over 10,000 holdings.

Please refer to Hiroshima University Library's Online Public Access Catalog(OPAC).



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The Center for Peace
Hiroshima University



Activities of The Center for Peace, Hiroshima University

Message from the Director “A unique and unparalleled Center for research and education in Peace Studies.”

Noriyuki KAWANO

Director, The Center for Peace,
Hiroshima University (CPHU)



As of April 1, 2018, the Institute for Peace Science, Hiroshima University is re-established as the Center for Peace, Hiroshima University. This change reflects the enhanced capability we have acquired and the central role that we aim to play in facilitating research and education in Peace Studies within and beyond the sphere of Hiroshima University.

On the educational front, we offer lectures and seminars at the Graduate School for International Development and Cooperation and in the undergraduate programs of the Faculty of Integrated Arts and Sciences. In particular, we have designed, and continue to oversee, the Peace Studies course in the Liberal Arts education program that is a compulsory subject for all Hiroshima University students. Our successful development of education and research programs, as well as our social engagement, are recognized in the positive external evaluation of our performance between April 2008 and March 2015 conducted in February 2016.

On the research front, the Center will become a hub for collaboration among individuals and institutions across the university, establishing two major research fields within Peace Studies, namely “Hiroshima Peace Studies” and “Global Peace Studies.” To create synergy between research and education, the Center actively disseminates research output through channels such as international symposia, research seminars, and peer-reviewed publications. To facilitate this dynamic exchange of knowledge, experience and resources, we have been strategically building networks with other peace-related institutions, both within Japan and abroad, since 2014.

Moreover, the Center for Peace will actively promote Peace Studies through a range of collaborative efforts. Bringing together researchers, teachers and educational bodies in peace-related subjects across Hiroshima University, and through our domestic and international network, we will vigorously drive specialization in, and consolidation of, the field of Peace Studies, while simultaneously ensuring that research outcomes benefit students’ learning experiences.

When the Institute for Peace Science was founded on July 8, 1975, it was the first academic research institute in Japan to focus on Peace Studies based on Hiroshima’s atomic bomb experience. As we embark on this new chapter, we renew our commitment to the spirit of this legacy while forging a new direction for the Center for Peace.

April 1, 2019

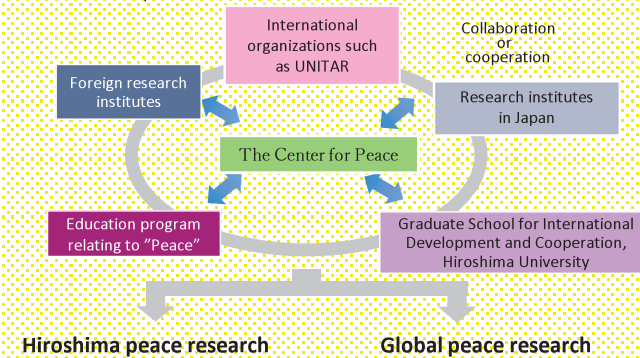
Research Activities

■ Promoting Peace Studies and networking scholars:

Our research focuses on two areas of expertise:

1. **Hiroshima peace research** (e.g. effects of the atomic bombings, post-disaster reconstruction, nuclear disarmament and abolition), and
2. **Global peace research** (e.g. peacebuilding, human rights, structural and environmental violence).

By facilitating joint research projects, international symposia, and research seminars, the CPHU plays a major role in connecting institutions and scholars working in Peace Studies domestically and internationally.



■ Collecting and archiving materials on Peace Studies and building a comprehensive database on the atomic bombings and nuclear disasters:

The CPHU’s library houses 10,000 scholarly books and over 60 academic journals in the field of Peace Studies. The collection is searchable online through the Hiroshima University Online Catalogues. Our archives hold databases concerning the atomic bombings, which continue to be updated and expanded.

■ Disseminating expert knowledge on Peace Studies:

Research outcomes of the CPHU are published and disseminated through domestic and international peer-reviewed academic journals, as well as through the CPHU’s bulletins (Hiroshima Peace Science) and research reports (CPHU Research Report Series).



Education

The CPHU is a research center, but our staff is also responsible for the peace education of the entire student community at Hiroshima University. The CPHU’s full-time research personnel offer tutorials and seminars in Peace Studies, and oversee the course design, implementation, and organization of peace-related taught courses, comprising 29 different modules for undergraduate students within the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and 17 for postgraduates (master and doctoral students) at the Graduate School for International Development and Cooperation (IDEC) and at the Graduate School of Biomedical and Health Sciences (BHS). In addition, CPHU research personnel engage in continuing education, interact with overseas students on exchange programs, and participate in a variety of training and induction courses.

Social Activities

The IPSHU (CPHU’s predecessor) was the secretariat of the Hiroshima Executive Committee of Pugwash Conference on “Science and World Affairs at Hiroshima.”

The staff of the CPHU are members of municipal and/or prefectural government committees. We also take part in the nation-wide *hibakusha* surveys conducted by national news companies such as Yomiuri News and Asahi News.

To contribute to civil society with knowledge and research outcomes, the CPHU offers an annual open public seminar in collaboration with the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum.



Open Public Seminar “Five Selected Topics on the Power of Resilience: Learning from the Atomic Bomb Experience” (March 2, 2019)