Special Seminar
Evaluating Catastrophic Risks

Recently, there are several different risks that exists in modern society which might produce catastrophic ends. Mankind should evaluate and prepare against these risks by dealing with immediate risk evaluation which affects daily life. In this seminar, we focus on catastrophic risk evaluation in our current society, prioritize them, and find ways to evaluate and link with current mechanisms.

Date：**3/26** 13:00～16:00   Place： 201, Higashi Ichijo Building

Program

13:00～14:00 **Lecture:** The History of Predicting and Preparing for Catastrophic Threats
Professor Matthew Connelly（Director, Centre for the Study of Existential Risk University of Cambridge）

14:10～14:40 **Lecture:** Incorporating Distributive Justice into Existential Risk Studies
Professor Makoto Usami（GSGES, Kyoto University）

14:40～15:10 **Lecture:** Prioritization of Different Kinds of Natural Disasters and Low-Probability, High-Consequence Events – Space and Terrestrial Disasters
Professor Yosuke Alexandre Yamashiki（GSAIS, Kyoto University）

15:20～16:00 Discussion
Emika Fujii（GSAIS, Kyoto University）,Mr. Hiroaki Mori (CSO WARPSPACE)
Professor Hiroaki Isobe (Kyoto City University of Arts)

Registration for the seminar will be limited to students with relevent major and professional in the private sector. Please apply from the QR code on the left.

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Speakers

Matthew Connelly
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Professor Matthew Connelly, an expert in international and global history at Columbia University, has directed various research initiatives on planetary threats, including nuclear war, pandemics, and climate change. He teaches courses on related topics and has extensive policy experience, advising organizations like the World Bank, and the Department of Homeland Security. Connelly's publications, such as "The Declassification Engine" and "Fatal Misconception," critically examine historical and contemporary challenges. He has taught at several prestigious institutions worldwide while contributing to academic journals and media outlets. Currently, he is working on a book analyzing institutional responses to catastrophic threats throughout history.

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