

## From the director of CGR



Greetings from Akihiro Iwashita, Director of CGR. Over the course of my career, I have devoted sustained scholarly attention to a central concern in global risk studies: how diverse forms of conflict proliferate worldwide and intersect in complex ways.

My research has focused closely on the governance of interstate and intra-regional disputes surrounding borders and boundaries, and on identifying forms of resolution that genuinely advance the well-being of local populations. My work has extended beyond theoretical inquiry to include the development of practical, policy-relevant models designed for real-world application.

Looking at today's world, one clearly sees that humanity is approaching a crisis of existential proportions. Yet outside of regions where war, disaster, and poverty claim lives on a daily basis, many remain detached, perceiving these crises as distant from their own lived experience. In a contemporary environment saturated with fleeting and overabundant information, it has become all the more difficult to cultivate the reflective space one needs to confront these global risks with due seriousness.

At this Center, established by Nagasaki University, we seek to convey to audiences in Japan and abroad the magnitude and profound implications of the challenges now confronting us. We will pursue a comprehensive research agenda that conceptualizes climate change, nuclear and biological risks, infectious diseases, armed conflict, information and intelligence vulnerabilities, and social fragmentation as interconnected global risks requiring systematic identification, management, mitigation, and prevention.

CGR will draw upon the resources of Nagasaki University in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences to build international networks that collaboratively bridge these fields. At the same time, we will work with local residents to learn how global risks affect them and how crises can and should be faced. CGR studies risk by developing interdisciplinary networks to enable analysis from multiple perspectives. While these networks will be global, the risks are ultimately borne locally. We hope that CGR, rooted here in Nagasaki, will always be there to support those who face them.

## Our mission

- ▶ To lead research on global risks that threaten human survival, including nuclear weapons, environmental destruction, and pandemics. CGR brings together faculty across disciplines to promote collaboration among the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences.
- ▶ To formulate policy recommendations and contribute the knowledge gained from international partnerships and joint research to the international community and local regions, through collaboration between the humanities and sciences.
- ▶ To establish an interdisciplinary research platform dedicated to cultivating next-generation researchers, specialists with policy-making capabilities, and leaders who can contribute to both the international community and local regions.

## About Us



Nagasaki University is committed to advancing "planetary health" by integrating diverse fields of knowledge to address the complex challenges facing humanity and the earth. In alignment with this mission, the University promotes research and education in Global Health, Global Risk, and Global Ecology. The Research Center for Global Risk (CGR), established on June 1, 2024, leads research on global risks that threaten human survival, including nuclear weapons, environmental destruction, and pandemics. CGR brings together faculty across disciplines to promote collaboration among the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. This center is an interdisciplinary organization within the university, composed of both dedicated faculty and faculty members with concurrent appointments who share an interest in global risks.

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