The war in Ukraine has raised a grave concern about escalation of competition among great powers and the possible invoking of changes to the status quo in the region. In this international symposium, we will discuss what changes the nuclear deterrence, nuclear strategy, nuclear disarmament and arms control that we know of are beginning to show, in this environment, in terms of nature and assumptions in international politics. We also talk about how nuclear issues should be viewed as part of the global agenda amid the transformation and multipolarization of international order.

Date & Time: July 1, 2023. 9:30-16:30 (Door opens at 9:00)
Venue: Innovative Research Center Room M401, 402 (4th floor)
Higashi-Senda Campus, Hiroshima University,
1-1-89, Higashi-Senda Machi, Naka-ku, Hiroshima City
*Note: There is limited availability for Higashi-Senda Campus’ toll parking.
The use of public transportation is strongly recommended.
Languages: English and Japanese (simultaneous interpretation available)

On-site participation (max. 150 persons) and online participation available.

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9:30-9:50 Opening Remarks
Attushi Sunami (President, Sasakawa Peace Foundation) *online / Noriyuki Kawano (Hiroshima University)

9:55-10:30 Keynote Dialogue
Nobumasa Akiyama (Hitotsubashi University) & Sugio Takahashi (National Institute for Defense Studies)

10:30-11:00 Keynote Triologue
Nobumasa Akiyama (Hitotsubashi Univ), Sugio Takahashi (National Institute for Defense Studies)and Noriyuki Kawano (Hiroshima University),

11:00-12:30 Session I: Nuclear Weapons in International Security
Moderator: Shinsuke Tomotsugu (Hiroshima University)
Sugio Takahashi (National Institute for Defense Studies)
Elaine Bunn (Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense)
Rebecca David Gibbons (University of Southern Maine)

Discussion

13:15-14:45 Session II: Nuclear Question as Global Agenda
Moderator: Nobumasa Akiyama (Hitotsubashi University)
Kazuto Suzuki (The University of Tokyo)
Jane Nakano (The Center for Strategic and International Studies)
Fiona Cunningham (The University of Pennsylvania)

Discussion

15:00-16:20 Session III: General Discussion
Moderator: Nobumasa Akiyama (Hitotsubashi University)
All speakers of Session I and II

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