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## UN University Global Issues Seminar Series Features Event on Climate Change in Asia

**Event:** UN University Interactive Seminar on Global Issues  
**Theme:** Climate Change in Asia: Perspectives on the Future Climate Regime  
**Date/Time:** 18 April 2008 (Friday), 4:15–6:45 PM  
**Venue:** Elizabeth Rose Conference Hall (5F), UN University Headquarters, Tokyo  
**Speaker:** Dr. Yasuko Kameyama, Senior Researcher, National Institute for Environmental Studies  
**Discussant:** Ms. Yurika Ayukawa, Climate Policy Senior Officer, World Wildlife Fund Japan  
**Organizer:** United Nations University

- The United Nations University is pleased to announce the third session of the UNU Interactive Seminar on Global Issues. Providing a forum for informed discussion among Japanese academia, civil society and the public, the seminar series focuses on topics drawn from recent or forthcoming UNU Press scholarly publications, with contributors to the books serving as seminar speakers.
- The next session will be held Friday, 18 April 2008. The featured lecturer will be Dr. Yasuko Kameyama of the National Institute for Environmental Studies, co-editor of the forthcoming UNU Press book *Climate Change in Asia: Perspectives on the Future Climate Regime*. Ms. Yurika Ayukawa of WWF-Japan will provide a brief commentary, followed by an open discussion.
- Looking beyond the Kyoto Protocol's first containment period, an intense and growing international debate over the future climate change regime has emerged. Countries in Asia have particularly important stakes in this regime given the region's high population, growing greenhouse gas emissions, burgeoning economies and vulnerabilities to the impact of climate change. Limited capacity, however, has hampered the participation of many Asian countries in the international debate.
- *Climate Change in Asia: Perspectives on the Future Climate Regime* is the result of a two-year study of domestic institutional processes in Asia to address climate change issues, national circumstances that impede countries from fully participating in the international debate and elements of a plausible climate regime from an Asian perspective. The book serves to identify the institutional dimensions of climate change and, importantly, identifies linkages between climate change and sustainable development.
- The seminar is open to the public, but because of limited seating, advance registration is required. Please note that the seminar will be conducted in Japanese only. For those unable to attend, the seminar will be webcast live. Please visit [www.unu.edu/isgi/](http://www.unu.edu/isgi/) for details.

For more information, or to reserve a space, media representatives may contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: [media@unu.edu](mailto:media@unu.edu)).

### Background

The inaugural session of the series was held on 22 February 2008. The event featured Prof. Chiyuki Aoi of Aoyama Gakuin University, co-editor of the 2007 UNU Press book *Unintended Consequences of Peacekeeping Operations*. The second session was held on 21 March 2008 and featured Prof. Mikiyasu Nakayama, co-editor of the 2007 UNU Press book *International Water Security: Domestic Threats and Opportunities*.