

**2nd International Symposium 2017 hosted by
Institute for Peace Science, Hiroshima University**

“Reconstruction and Peacebuilding”

The following are the proceedings of the Second International Symposium 2017 on “Reconstruction and Peacebuilding” held on November 18, 2017, hosted by the Institute for Peace Science, Hiroshima University. **Prof. Hitoshi ABE**, from the School of Arts and Architecture, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and Director, UCLA Paul I. and Hisako Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies, gave a keynote speech titled, “Reconstruction and Community.” The keynote speech was followed by a series of presentations by **Mr. Tsuneo NISHIDA**, Special Assistant to the President of Hiroshima University and Honorary Director of the Institute for Peace Science; **Prof. Hong-Kyu PARK**, Director of the Peace and Democracy Institute at Korea University and Professor at the Global Institute for Japanese Studies at Korea University; and **Ms. Kate FEARON**, Special Advisor to Civilian Operation Commander at European External Action Service (EEAS). The four speakers then conducted a panel discussion under the moderation of **Prof. Mari KATAYANAGI**, Vice Director of the Institute for Peace Science and Vice Dean of the Graduate School for International Development and Cooperation at Hiroshima University. They actively discussed the efforts by architects to reconstruct the local community after the Great East Japan Earthquake, the contribution Japan can make toward the international society in the field of reconstruction and peacebuilding, the possibility of dialogue between general citizens in the reconciliation process, and the inclusion of agendas such as women’s rights in Northern Ireland peacebuilding process.

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