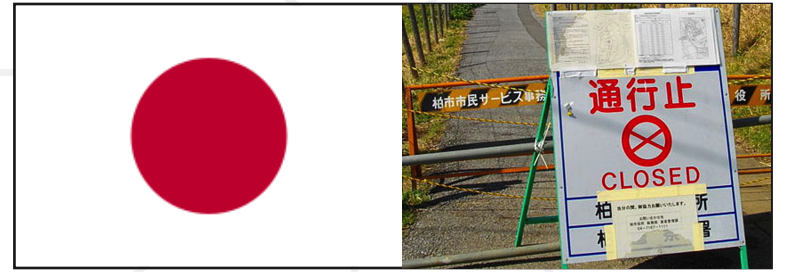




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Japan's Continuing Nuclear Nightmare

Experts discuss Fukushima and its aftereffects

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About the speakers

Richard Samuels is Ford International Professor of Political Science and director of the MIT Center for International Studies. He is an expert in Japan and East Asian security. His study of the political and policy consequences of the 2011 Tohoku catastrophe, "3:11: Disaster and Change in Japan," was published by Cornell University Press in 2013. He was awarded an imperial decoration, the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star by the Emperor of Japan and the Japanese Prime Minister.

Ken Buessler is senior scientist at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution where he studies upper-ocean biogeochemical cycles and POC export fluxes; scavenging and particle cycling processes; the Black Sea using Chernobyl radio tracers; plutonium isotopes and the behavior of fallout Pu in seawater and groundwater; radium isotopes and other tracers of submarine groundwater discharge.

Patrick Stackpole served in the US Army for 31 years as an infantry officer. He commanded an infantry battalion on the DMZ in Korea, an infantry brigade in Iraq and was the Chief of Staff of the 25th Division in Afghanistan. His final assignment was as the Chief of Staff of U.S. Forces Japan during Operation Tomadachi. He was a military fellow in MIT's Security Studies Program during the 2003/4 academic year.

About the moderator

Kenneth Oye holds a joint MIT appointment in Political Science and Engineering Systems and directs the MIT Program on Emerging Technologies (PoET). He is currently a faculty PI in the NSF Synthetic Biology Engineering Research Center and PI on an NSF grant on "Creating a Research Agenda on Ecological Implications of Synthetic Biology."