



**Locally-Led
Disaster Management and
Humanitarian Assistance
(DMHA) in Asia**
Online Course

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Speakers Biography

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Module 2: Recognizing Successful Locally-led DMHA Initiatives and Challenges



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Dr. Miwa Hirono is an Associate Professor at the College of Global Liberal Arts and the Graduate School of International Relations at Ritsumeikan University. She held a Research Councils UK Research Fellowship at the University of Nottingham. Her publication includes “China’s Evolving Approaches to the principle of Non-Intervention” (The China Quarterly 2019)., “Linkages between China’s Foreign Policy and Humanitarian Action” (Overseas Development Institute 2018), “China’s Evolving Approach to Peacekeeping (London: Routledge 2012). She has taught at the Australian National University, where she was awarded a PhD in International Relations, the University of Cambridge, and the University of Canterbury. She was also a Visiting Fellow at the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and innovation at Harvard Kennedy School on Fullbright Fellowship.



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