

University of Tokyo, Springer Nature to hold online symposium on sustainability

The University of Tokyo and Springer Nature will hold a symposium on sustainability goals and research, bringing together experts in Japan and the publisher's editor-in-chief for an online event on March 26, 2021.

The symposium, titled "Interdisciplinary science solutions for food, water, climate and ecosystems Sustainable Development Goals," will cover how research can better address the United Nations' [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) directed at key global challenges of our times, and the need for academia, business, policymakers and civil society to work together in a transdisciplinary manner to achieve these goals.

The event is organized by the University of Tokyo and Springer Nature, publisher of *Nature* and sister journals advancing evidence-based sustainability research.

In the lead-up to the symposium, a weekly special blog series will share insights from researchers involved in the event.

The symposium will consist of three parts: keynote lectures; research presentations; and a panel discussion.

Following opening remarks by University of Tokyo President Makoto Gonokami, keynote speakers Philip Campbell, editor-in-chief of Springer Nature (former editor-in-chief of *Nature*), and Taikan Oki, professor at the University of Tokyo, will deliver their lectures. Research presentations are scheduled by Hiroyasu Hasumi and Alexandros Gasparatos from the University of Tokyo, and Tomoko Hasegawa at Ritsumeikan University. A panel discussion, comprising the keynote and presentation speakers, will be moderated by journalist Hiroko Kuniya.

This event will provide an opportunity to understand the interconnectivity between social and natural systems, and the intersection between multiple SDGs, including zero hunger; clean water and sanitation; climate action; life below water; and life on land, as well as the need for sustainable solutions in view of the ongoing changes in the climate and ecosystem of our planet.

The special blog series leading up to the symposium will be available from Feb. 22, 2021, on Springer Nature's research blog site, [The Source](#). It will feature the symposium speakers,

including interviews with them about their research and explaining the importance of transdisciplinary research to achieve the SDGs, as well as messages to encourage early career researchers to get involved in sustainability research.

The Future Society Initiative of the University of Tokyo, which promotes SDGs-oriented projects, was involved in the symposium's planning.

<Event summary>

Event name: [SDGs Symposium 2021: Interdisciplinary science solutions for food, water, climate and ecosystems Sustainable Development Goals](https://www.springernature.com/jp/campaign/20210326-E)

Date: Friday, March 26, 2021, 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Japan Standard Time/3:30 a.m.-6:00 a.m. U.S. Eastern Daylight Time

Venue: Zoom webinar

Organizers: The University of Tokyo, Springer Nature

Language: English

Target: Researchers, policymakers, students, anyone interested in SDGs and science

Registration: Free

Event URL: <https://www.springernature.com/jp/campaign/20210326-E>

The Source, a blog site which provides insight and discussion on publishing in the academic world: <https://www.springernature.com/gp/researchers/the-source>

About the Future Society Initiative

The University of Tokyo established the UTokyo FSI in July 2017, under the direct leadership of the university president. The aim of the initiative is to promote effective collaboration and to contribute to the future of humanity and the planet, based on the university's mission of serving the global public as outlined in the University of Tokyo Charter.

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