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Entangled Processes of Framing, Mobilization and Institutionalization in East Asia

Nuclear Refugees after Fukushima – Social Conflict and Challenges

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Fukushima prefecture has been hit by a multi-layered disaster, involving an earthquake, a tsunami, and a nuclear disaster. Iwaki City epitomizes the experience of Fukushima as it was not only hit by the above mentioned disasters, but also had to accept nuclear evacuees from neighboring towns. Within a society of victims suffering from various types and degrees of damage stemming from different root causes, laws and policies after Fukushima brought about social conflict within society and divided the affected into victims and non-victims or, in the case of Iwaki, the hosting residents and the evacuees. These social conflicts raise the question how victims are framed legally and socially and how the hosting communities should deal with the displaced persons.

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