

Sophia University Institute of Comparative Culture Research Unit "3/11 as Crisis and Opportunity"  
Invites you to a showing of

# Nuclear Nation 2

(フタバから遠く離れて 第二部 ©ドキュメンタリージャパン/ビックリバーフィルムズ)

a film screening and discussion with the director **Atsushi Funahashi**



6:00 pm-8:30 pm, June 26, 2015 (Friday)

Room 508, Building 2, Sophia University Yotsuya Campus

**\*\*Nuclear Nation II** follows a new group of people exiled from Futaba, the region occupied by the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant. Since the 1960s, Futaba had been promised prosperity with tax breaks and major subsidies to make up for the presence of the plant... until the townspeople lost their homeland on March 11, 2011. The film portrays their lives as refugees in an abandoned high school, and in temporary housing. The political fallout from the nuclear disaster results in conflict between residents, and the mayor is forced to resign. Many decide to move back to Fukushima prefecture, just outside the evacuation zone. The town finds itself divided by the arbitrariness of evacuation, radiation levels, and compensation guidelines from the plant's operator. And then, the Japanese government announces a plan to turn Futaba into an official, literal wasteland. Is it possible to truly compensate the townspeople for what they have lost? Through their agonies and frustrations, the film questions the real cost of nuclear energy and unbridled capitalism. (<http://nuclearnation.jp/en/part2/>)"

**\*\*Atsushi Funahashi** lives between Tokyo and New York, making film & television projects in both the USA and Japan. His US documentary *For the Joyful Moment of Life* (2005), won a Telly Award. His latest short *Radioactive* (2014) received the Edward Snowden award at the Signes de Nuit International Film Festival. All 5 of his recent feature films were invited to the Berlin International Film Festival and have screened throughout Europe, Asia, and the Americas."

\*The film synopsis and the Director's bio are from the Nuclear Nation website. <http://nuclearnation.jp/en/part2/>

Language: Film in Japanese with English subtitle/ Discussion in English (No translation)

No RSVP required

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