## Disaster resilience in an aging society: Lessons from the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami

Natural disasters are increasing in frequency and severity worldwide. Due to population aging, older people are increasingly affected. In this talk, Professor Kawachi will focus on the two major health threats that have emerged among older survivors of the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake & Tsunami, namely, cognitive decline and metabolic syndrome.

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