

Seismology, volcanology as "academic clinical"

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In an earthquake/volcano prone country like Japan, the role of related sciences, such as seismology and volcanology, might be different from that of other countries where related sciences are mainly driven by curiosity. Such intellectual activities might be called "academic clinical", a term borrowed from medical science. I hope to discuss the role of Earth sciences as "academic clinical" in the problems related to the nuclear power plant in Japan.

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