

# Rotterdam-Tokyo Joint Workshop in Philosophy

## Ecology and technology

11-12 May

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Faculty Lounge, Faculty of Law and Letters  
Building 2, The University of Tokyo  
東京大学 法文2号館、中2階 教員談話室

### ● Day 1 / Monday, 11 May

13:00-13:15	Opening remarks
13:15-14:45	Session 1: Boundaries of Life, Consciousness, and Environment
14:45-15:00	Coffee break
15:00-16:30	Session 2: Mediation, Images, and Digital Conditions
16:30-16:45	Coffee break
16:45-17:30	General discussion for Day 1

#### SESSION 1

### Boundaries of Life, Consciousness, and Environment

- 1 **Constantijn-Alexander Kusters** *Towards a Developmental Ontology of Risk: From Proto-life Boundaries to Organizational Self-Continuity*
- 2 **Tomoya Kubota** *Thinking about Borderline Consciousness*
- 3 **Niek Sekeris** *Rethinking Boundaries Between Subject and Environment*

#### SESSION 2

### Mediation, Images, and Digital Conditions

- 1 **Izumi Nonomura** *AI-generated Plain Language for Patients in Healthcare: A Phenomenological Perspective on Overtrust*
- 2 **Dan (Q.) Xu** *Owning What Stays? Objects and False Eternity under Technical and Digital Conditions*
- 3 **Yusuke Imahashi** *On the Function of Resemblance in Klages' Theory of Images*

### ● Day 2 / Tuesday, 12 May

10:30-12:00	Session 3: Climate, Biodiversity, and Listening to Nature
12:00-14:00	Lunch break
14:00-15:30	Session 4: Ecologies of Reason, Harmony, and Ethical Critique
15:30-15:45	Coffee break
15:45-16:15	Yogi Hale Hendlin: short follow-up, AI and Code Duality in Biology
16:15-17:15	Final general discussion
Evening	Dinner / reception

#### SESSION 3

### Climate, Biodiversity, and Listening to Nature

- 1 **Mario García Pascual** *Watsuji and the Evolution of the Concept of Climate*
- 2 **Clara van Vliet** *An Ethical-Epistemic Analysis of Valuing Biodiversity*
- 3 **Maya Aomatsu** *The Aesthetics of Listening: Heidegger and Fechner in Comparative Perspective*

#### SESSION 4

### Ecologies of Reason, Harmony, and Ethical Critique

- 1 **Koki Yasunaga** *Ecology of Reason: Charles S. Peirce, Pragmatism, and Historical Epistemology*
- 2 **Kick Rooijers** *Leverage Points for Ecological Harmony: A Spinozist-Neo-Confucian Synthesis for Detecting Structural Agreements and Structuring Adaptive Ecological Laws*
- 3 **Takayuki Ando** *What is Anti-Theory in Ethics?*