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KOIAS Talks at the 18th *Sensibilia* Colloquium in Rome (Online)

kû (空) + ki (気, also as *ke*)
Chinese *qi* and Japanese *ki*.

- “Internalization” of *ki*? From *ke* (*kashiki*, *kehai*) to *ki*.
- *ke* was sometimes given the characters ‘異’ (foreign, another), ‘怪’ (monstrous, mysterious) and ‘著’ (supra-,) as well as ‘氣’.
- Buddhist word ‘機’ (also *ki*, but in the sense of timing).
- The phrase ‘*ki wo tsukanu*’ reflects the modern human self-consciousness of the subject who ‘uses’ *ki* as an object: an emergence of ‘consciousness’ in the modern sense.
- My view: While *ke* / *ki* was progressively internalized and lost more or less its original reference to atmospheres, the modern concept *kiki* became able to express the atmospheric power, which *ke* had in the pre-modern era. However, that *kiki* has almost lost the temporal connotation, which *ki* once had.

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On September 19, 2024, KOIAS Director Yuho Hisayama and KOIAS member Satomi Abe presented at the 18th *Sensibilia* Colloquium, organized by Professor Tonino Griffero. Their talks were titled:

- **Yuho Hisayama** (KOIAS, Kobe): “Decisive Atmosphere, Decisive Moment: Rethinking the Japanese Words ‘kûki,’ ‘ki,’ and ‘ke.’”
- **Satomi Abe** (KOIAS, Kobe): “Do Decisions Give Us Reasons in Themselves?”

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