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UTCP+EAA+KOIAS Co-Organized International Workshop
on “Air (空気, kûki),” University of Tokyo



The international workshop, “*Our Dealings with the Invisible: On the Air as a Form of Commons*,” co-organized by UTCP, EAA, and KOIAS, took place on July 21st at the University of Tokyo.

“The term ‘kûki’ (air) in contemporary Japanese can refer to various dimensions of our daily experiences from the air we inhale and exhale to intersubjective and nonverbal experiences such as ‘something in the air’. This workshop aims to open a wide ranged discussion on our attitudes to something invisible and atmospheric led by younger academic specialists in anthropology, semiotics, literature, and philosophy especially in aesthetics, ethics, and phenomenology” (Yukiko Kawayama).

Program:

- **Opening:** Yukiko Kuwayama (UTCP)
- **Mathieu Gaulène** (U-Nîmes): "How to Read the Air When It Becomes Radioactive: A Semiotic Approach to Capturing the Atmosphere of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Accident"
- **Lorenzo Marinucci** (U-Tôhoku): "Scent and the Breathing Commons"
- **Satomi Abe** (安倍里美) (U-Kobe): "Holding Breath and Breathing the Same Air"
- **Yuho Hisayama** (U-Kobe): "First Steps towards Understanding kûki"

We look forward to further collaboration with UTCP and EAA!

