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The Fifth SHIMADZU-KOIAS Lecture by Alberto Parisi

On September 10, 2025, the fifth SHIMADZU-KOIAS Lecture was held at the main office of Shimadzu Corporation in Kyoto. In his talk titled “From Harvard to Kobe University: The Value of Atmospheric Studies and the Humanities in the Contemporary World,” Alberto Parisi, Specially Appointed Assistant Professor at KOIAS, traced how his interest in Atmospheric Studies developed during his PhD at Harvard University and led him to Kobe, situating this trajectory within current innovations in the Humanities. Through a reading of Emanuele Coccia’s *The Life of Plants*, the lecture emphasized the contemporary significance of Atmospheric Studies as a field that understands feelings, thoughts, and language as material events shared through air and environment, thereby opening new paths for dialogue between the humanities and the sciences.



