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### KOIAS Talk by Tony Cheng at Kobe University

On March 9, 2026, KOIAS hosted a talk by Tony Cheng (Waseda Institute for Advanced Studies) at Room 422, Graduate School of Humanities, Kobe University. Titled “An Affective Affordance Analysis of Atmosphere,” the talk engaged critically with the recent essay “What Are Atmospheres?” by P. Fernández Velasco and KOIAS member Takuya Niikawa. Cheng argued that olfaction provides a model for how affective affordances can be real, non-reductive, and environmentally anchored.

The talk was followed by an engaged discussion among participants, addressing questions about the relationship between perception, affect, environment, and atmospheres from both philosophical and interdisciplinary perspectives.

