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Keio University

### International Roundtable

## Expanding Student Participation in University Museums

The University of Melbourne, National University of Singapore, Kyushu University, Keio University

Since its establishment in 2021, Keio Museum Commons (KeMCo) has prioritized student participation and explored various ways to engage with students. We are pleased to announce an upcoming international roundtable on "Expanding Student Participation in University Museums." This event will feature researchers from the University of Melbourne, the National University of Singapore, and Kyushu University – three universities who are actively involved in university museums. The discussion will focus on placing students at the core of museum activities, broadening and diversifying their involvement. The roundtable will highlight recent practices, discoveries, and challenges in this area.

### 1. Overview

**Date:** Thursday, 4 July, 2024

**Time:** 18:30–20:45 (JST)

**Venue:** This roundtable will be held online via Zoom

**Registration:** Open to everyone. Please register from the URL below.

[https://keio-univ.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_hm5dBeTrTgu98NgLM0v5Gg](https://keio-univ.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hm5dBeTrTgu98NgLM0v5Gg)

**Language:** English

**Organizer:** Keio Museum Commons

**Website:** <https://kemco.keio.ac.jp/en/all-post/20240615-en/>

### 2. Introduction

Keio Museum Commons (KeMCo) opened in 2021 at Keio University with one of its primary missions to act as both a physical and virtual hub for collections and people, aiming to invite a wide range of participants and broaden engagement with collections. From its inception, KeMCo has placed a strong emphasis on student participation and has explored various ways of engaging with students. We try to extend our approach beyond classroom-based activities, such as courses in museum curatorship, to include co-planning exhibitions, public programs, and more. The active involvement of student-led projects, which are joined by students from various disciplines, has become indispensable to KeMCo.

Based on this background, KeMCo is organizing an international roundtable on expanding student participation in university museums. It will focus on placing students at the center of

museum activities and broadening the modalities of their participation. We hope to provide an opportunity to share the latest innovative practices, insights, and challenges in this area.

### **3. Program and Speakers (TBC)**

#### **Short Lectures**

- Elena del Mercato (Director, Engagement, Museums and Collections at the University of Melbourne)
- Ye Thu (Executive, Campus Community & Public Engagement at NUS Museum of National University of Singapore)
- Misako Mishima (Professor, The Kyushu University Museum)
- Goki Miyakita (Senior Assistant Professor, Keio Museum Commons)
- Yu Homma (Senior Assistant Professor, Keio Museum Commons)

Discussion and Q&A

\*Lecture titles and biographies of the speakers are to be announced later.

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