

Workshop

Bridging Emotions: Affect in Overcoming Social and Political Divides

Keio University, Tokyo

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Organizers: Takemitsu Morikawa & Christian von Scheve

Note: All times Tokyo local time (GMT+9)

- 09:00–09:15** **Welcome & Introduction**
- 09:15–10:00 Gul Mescioglu Gur (American University, Washington)
Emotions Across and Within Cypriot Communities: A Conceptual Perspective on the Cyprus Conflict
- 10:00–10:45 Hao Yang (Keio University)
The Complexity of Pride and Its Role in the Making of the Nation: The Discourse of Chinese Intellectuals in Late Nineteenth-Century China
- 10:45–11:00** **Coffee Break**
- 11:00–11:45 Yuri Keum (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)
Children, emotions, and citizenship
- 11:45–12:30 Alma Jeftic (University of Geneva)
Bridging Divides Through Hope and Moral Elevation: Evidence from a Reconciliation Intervention Tournament
- 12:30–13:30** **Lunch Break**
- 13:30–14:15 Giulia Salzano (Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II)
Mapping Empathy: Social Boundaries and Their Reconfiguration
- 14:15–15:00 Monika Verbalyte (GESIS) & Donatella Bonansinga (University of Southampton)
Bridging or Breaking? The Dual Role of Political Hope in Polarization

15:00–15:45

15:45–16:15 **Coffee Break**

16:15–17:00

Philipp Wunderlich (International Psychoanalytical University) *Affective Practices of Dialogue and Demarcation: How “Grandmas against the Right” Engage Far-Right Supporters*

17:00–17:45

Mark Higgins (University of Bristol) & Michelle Forrest (Bath Spa University) & Jon Somerscales (Pervasive Media)
From Harms to Harmonies: Navigating digital dissonance through emotional resonance, exploring human connections through music and sound

18:30–19:00

General Discussion & Closing

19.30

Social Dinner

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