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“The Relationship between Subjectivity and Society in

Modern Japanese Philosophy – Insights from the Kyōto School”

Abstract: This lecture aims to approach the meaning and function of subjectivity according to two important Japanese thinkers: the Philosopher Miki Kiyoshi 三木清 and the Biologist Imanishi Kinji 今西錦司. Both can be considered as contributors to the Kyoto School. The first formalized the distinction between “contemplative subjectivity” (*shukansei* 主観性) and “acting subjectivity” (*shutaisei* 主体性). Since then, the term *shutaisei* 主体性 has been used with a specific meaning. It refers to the being that deals with its surroundings, including the natural environment, culture, and society, through its actions. Miki considered not only the “acting subjectivity” of individual human beings, but also the “acting subjectivity” of society. The term *shutaisei* 主体性 was reused by Imanishi Kinji, who widened its meaning to include the “global society of living beings” (*seibutsu zentai shakai* 生物全体社会). I will focus on the progressive constitution of these ideas to suggest their contemporary significance.

Profile of the Guest Lecturer: Romaric Jannel is currently affiliated with the French Collège International de Philosophie and the Institute for Research in Humanities at Kyoto University. He received a Ph.D. in philosophy from the École Pratique des Hautes Études (Paris) in 2020. Since 2022, he has served as a Program Director at the *Collège international de philosophie*. He is the author of the book *Yamauchi Tokuryū (1890-1982) – Western Philosophy and Buddhist Thought* (2023, in French). In Japan, his research about “The philosophy of the Kyoto School and the four concepts of *shukan-shutai/nature-environment*” is supported by a Grant-in-Aid for Early-Career Scientists from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science.

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