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Online Guest Lecture by

**Romaric JANNEL** (Ph.D., Collège international de philosophie/France, University of Kyoto/Japan) **“Environmental Crisis and Society: Some Reflections Based on Imanishi Kinji’s Theories”**

**Abstract:** In formulating policies in response to environmental crises, we tend to rely on the natural sciences, which are indispensable for designing concrete policies. Even though we have a general understanding of what needs to be done to address global warming and biodiversity loss, the natural sciences have not been successful in overcoming environmental crises. The reason is simple: these crises affect society as a whole, and the implementation of measures poses many difficulties. These difficulties concern society, both as a whole and individually. On such an issue, it would be useful to return to the thought of the biologist Imanishi Kinji (今西錦司 1902-1992), who emphasized the importance of the structure and functioning of society. His notion of “society” is not limited to human society, but extends to the entire biological system. To elucidate his views, I compare them with those of Augustin Berque, who widely translated and introduced Imanishi’s work to the Western world. In this lecture, I will first present Imanishi’s environmental philosophy, with a special focus on his discussion of the structure and functioning of “society.” Then I will compare Imanishi’s concept of “society” with Berque’s concept of “milieu” (*fūdo* 風土). Finally, based on my understanding of Imanishi’s concept of “society,” I would like to point out aspects that need attention in the implementation of environmental crisis measures.

**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. He is the author of *Yamauchi Tokuryū (1890-1982) – Western Philosophy and Buddhist Thought* (2023, in French) and edited an issue of the French academic journal *Philosophie* on the philosophies of the Kyoto School. In Japan, his research is supported by a Grant-in-Aid for Early-Career Scientists from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science.

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