

TMU International Center proudly presents:
Special Lecture Series (Summer Intensive Course)

The Future of/with the Earth

Missed the registration deadline? You still have a chance to audit!

This interdisciplinary lecture series brings together distinguished speakers active in the forefront of their respective fields. It is open to TMU students and faculty members from any academic disciplines. Seating is limited. Do not miss this great learning opportunity and sign up to audit today!

Course Schedule

Monday, September 6, 2021

8:30~8:50 Prologue Masao Ayabe
Vice-President for International Affairs

1st Speaker (1st period: 8:50~10:20) *

Up-and-coming philosopher

Markus Gabriel Professor, Bonn University
Towards a New Enlightenment – Transdisciplinary and Transcultural Cooperation in the Post-Pandemic Era

Coordinator: Yuji Nishiyama
Professor, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences



2nd Speaker (2nd period: 10:30~12:00)

Leading digital transformation evangelist

Yasumasa Yamamoto
Venture Capitalist/Specially Appointed Associate Professor, Kyoto University Graduate School
How Tech Business is Changing the World

Coordinator: Hideaki Yamashita
Vice President for Public Affairs and Institutional Assessment
Professor, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration



3rd Speaker (3rd period: 13:00~14:30)

Recipient of the Ordre des Palmes Academiques

Yasuo Kobayashi
Professor Emeritus, Tokyo University

How To Be 'With the Earth'-a Philosophical Trial

Coordinator: Yuji Nishiyama
Professor, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences



4th Speaker (4th period: 14:40~16:10) *

Former President of the American Astronomical Society

Megan Urry Professor, Yale University
The Earth's Place in the Universe

Coordinator: Takaya Ohashi
President, Tokyo Metropolitan University



Tuesday, September 7, 2021

5th Speaker (1st period: 8:50~10:20) *

Recipient of the IEEE Edison Medal, the Nobel Prize of electrical engineering and electronic engineering

Frede Blaabjerg Professor, Aalborg University
Power Electronics - the Key Technology for Grid Integration of Renewable Energy

Coordinator: Toshihisa Shimizu
Specially Appointed Professor, Graduate School of Systems Design



6th Speaker (2nd period: 10:30~12:00)

Sloan Research Fellow and a potential candidate for a Nobel Prize

Fuhito Kojima Professor, Tokyo University
Market Design for Improving Real-Life Systems

Coordinator: Takahiro Watanabe
Professor, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration



7th Speaker (3rd period: 13:00~14:30)

Laureate of the Pritzker Architecture Prize, the Nobel Prize of architecture

Toyo Ito Architect, Toyo Ito & Associates, Architects
Will the Metropolitan-Oriented Society Change after the Pandemic?

Coordinator: Tohru Yoshikawa
Dean, Faculty of Urban Environmental Sciences



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8th Lecture (4th period: 14:40~16:10)

Cultural anthropologist, recipient of the Suntory Prize for Social Sciences and Humanities and the Oya Soichi Prize for Nonfiction Literature

Sayaka Ogawa Professor, Ritsumeikan University
The Power of Narratives: What Words Can Carry (TBD)

Coordinator: Masao Ayabe
Professor, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences



16:10~16:30 Epilogue Masao Ayabe
Vice-President for International Affairs

*in English with Japanese subtitles
(The rest will be delivered in Japanese only.)

<Message from the Course Instructor>

"I hope this course will help you widen your horizons, broaden your mind and trigger your interests in global issues and study abroad."

【Course Instructor】

Masao Ayabe
Vice-President for International Affairs
Executive Director, International Center
Professor, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences



※Please note that the above information is subject to change.

※Already registered for this course?

You do not need to sign up to audit. You will be provided with more details and updated information including attendance and reading materials via kibaco.

- Mode of Delivery: Online
 - Auditing is only available online.
 - You may pick one lecture to audit.
- Eligibility: TMU undergraduate/graduate students
TMU Premium College students
TMU faculty members
- How to sign up to audit through *Student Portal*:
<https://www.comp.tmu.ac.jp/portal/> (internal access only)
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