Conference Theme: “Reclaiming the Future”

Dates: Friday, May 24, 2019 to Sunday, May 26, 2019

Location & Venue: Toshi Center Hotel & Tokyo Garden Terrace Kioicho, Tokyo

Early Bird Abstract Submission Deadline: January 15, 2019
Final Abstract Submission Deadline: March 15, 2019

Early Bird Registration Deadline: February 14, 2019
Advance Registration Deadline: March 13, 2019
Final Registration Deadline: April 12, 2019

We live in a period characterised by rises in regionalism, nationalism and authoritarianism; a time of great global uncertainty and anxiety, as well as inequality and iniquity which both reflects and drives political divide, and undermines international systems of cooperation. Clashes of identities, beliefs and ideologies are evident in academia, media and the arts, contributing to a feeling that humanity is spiralling out of control; that our relationships with each other, as well as with the earth and environment, have never been worse.

Yet, as humans, we are not conditioned by fear alone, but instead by a remarkable ingenuity, and a capacity for hope, self-reflection, activism and action. This agency to improve our own lives, and those of others, is the theme of this international conference, inviting us to consider the ways in which we contextualise and process the past, reimagining ourselves, our relationships, and our environments; driving positive change and reclaiming the future as a time we look towards with hope, and even optimism.

The organisers encourage submissions that approach the conference theme from a variety of perspectives. However, the submission of other topics for consideration is welcome and we also encourage sessions within and across a variety of interdisciplinary and theoretical perspectives. Abstracts should address one or more of the streams listed on the Call for Papers page, identifying a relevant sub-theme.

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