

French-Japanese Symposium JAPARCHI 2008 KYOTO

## **Devices and Concepts :**

### **Encounters between French and Japanese space and time**

The French-Japanese Symposium 2008 of Japarchi on « Devices and Concepts: Encounters between French and Japanese space and time » organized by the Franco-Japanese network of French Ministry of Culture and Communication JAPARCHI will be held at Kyoto Institute of Technology during two days on Friday December 12, and Saturday December 13, 2008.

Japarchi the organized body is a scientific network of Francophone researchers based in France and Japan who work on common subjects related to social culture, architecture and urbanism.

The purpose of this Franco-Japanese symposium is to assemble a group of researchers of both cultures in order to deliberate and discuss the concepts and fundamental devices that help to understand issues of space and time in Japan and France. The symposium will not only deal with architecture and objects, cities or landscape, but reflect on more radical questions leading to the reason why these objects became *cultural phenomena*. Therefore, language, epistemological, and historical approaches will enable us to highlight major cultural differences. This symposium meetings will provide an opportunity to address these issues in an inter-cultural dialogue between French and Japanese civilizations, involving different scales of analysis: landscape-territory, urbanism scale and, at last, a fourth cross-dimension, time.

The speakers are:

Philippe BONNIN (National Center of Scientific Research), Marc BOURDIER (National School of Architecture of Paris La Villette), Nicolas FIEV (Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes), Anne GOSSOT

(University of Bordeaux 3), Murielle HLADIK (National School of Architecture of Saint-Etienne), Benoît Jacquet (French School of Far East), Corinne TIRY (National School of Architecture of Lille), ABE-KUDO Junko (Sugiyama Jogakuen University), Kunio KATO (Professor Emeritus of Kyoto University), Shoichiro SENDAI (Hiroshima University), TAJI Takahiro (Kyoto University), DOI Yoshitake (Kyushu University), Tomoaki NAKASHIMA (Kogakuin University), NISHIDA Masatsugu (Kyoto Institute of Technology), Yutaka MATSUMOTO (Osaka Sangyo University), Riichi Miyake (National Conservatory of Arts and Crafts)

**- Dates:**

On Friday, 12 December 2008 and Saturday, 13 December 2008

**- Time:**

On Friday, 12 December 2008: 09h00 - 18h30

On Saturday, 13 December 2008: 09h30 - 19h00

**- Location:**

Kyoto Institute of Technology, Kosen-kaikan, Conference Room

Goshokaidô-cho, Matsugasaki, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto

Metro: Matsugasaki (Municipal Subway Line Karasuma)

Free admission, 60 seats available

The symposium will be held in French and Japanese with occasional translation

**For details:**

The website Japarchi: <http://www.japarchi.archi.fr/>

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