

International Symposium on the Significance of **Academic** Activities

Yamanashi Prefectural University

How and why we should approach our **experiences** academically

– A Discussion from the Perspectives of Science and Technology, Phenomenology, and Practice



e-creation of reality
e-embodiment
robotic “I” & “We” modes
– Re-shaping ourselves

Sun., Dec. 7, 2025

9:30-17:30

B120, Iida Campus

Language: English
In-person only

For all students,
faculty, staff,
and citizens

As an extension of the futures studies in YPU's ID course, we aim to collaboratively formulate and explore questions like the following about our own **experiences**:

- How are our experiences being **shaped** today and into the future?
 - How are they being technologically mediated?
- How can our experiences be **studied**?
 - What is the relationship between subjectivity and objectivity in research?
- What significance does researching our experiences hold for individual subjects (e.g., **for you** as a university student)?
 - Is this fundamentally related to ethics for living better, and how?

Why do you study?
Is it for your own
satisfaction, for business,
or is there something else?



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Symposium Program

09:00 Venue Opens

09:30 Opening Talk

Ryuji Yamazaki-Skov (Specially Appointed Associate Professor, Yamanashi Prefectural University, Guest Associate Professor, The University of Osaka)

Shinya Oie (Assistant Professor, National Institute of Technology, Kurume College)

09:50 Speaker Session

Toshihiro Suzuki (Professor, Sojo University)

Takuya Mizukami (Assistant Professor, Niigata University)

11:30 Lunch Break

12:30 Speaker Session

Chris Christophers (CEO, iPresence Ltd.)

13:20 Keynote Speech

Yochai Ataria (Professor, Tel-Hai College)

- "What can be gained from combining philosophy, science, and technology? (Tentative)"

14:50 Coffee Break

15:10 Panel Discussion

Yochai Ataria (Professor, Tel-Hai College)

Atsushi Fujiki (Professor, Kansai University)

All speakers in the above sessions

16:30 **Workshop**
for Advancing
Research and
Practice in Education
at Yamanashi
Prefectural University

Ayumu Sugiyama (Professor, Yamanashi Prefectural University (YPU))

Yochai Ataria (Professor, Tel-Hai College)

Atsushi Fujiki (Professor, Kansai University)

Presentations by YPU Students on their projects:

Kokona Kitahara (Innovation Design (ID) Course)

Ann Kudo (ID Course)

Human Service Innovation (HSI) Course Team members

17:30 Closing

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Participation fee: **No charge**

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