

Tours Lab Meeting – September 12, 2022

Hiroshi Yama (Osaka Metropolitan University)

Dual-process theories and dialecticism

Abstract: It has been demonstrated that Easterners' thinking is more dialectical. I introduce the study of Zhang et al. (2015) which shows the Easterners' dialecticism and propose an explanation for this. I introduce an approach of dual-process theory and examine the possibility that Easterners are more dialectical to accept the outputs from both the intuitive system and the reflective system.

Megumi Yama (Kyoto University of Advanced Science)

Disaster as a religious experience: The mystical experience on the boundary between life and death in Japanese animated film *Your Name*.

Abstract: In this presentation, I would like to introduce the Japanese animated film *Your Name* (2016), directed by Makoto Shinkai, to show how a disaster can bring about deep religious experiences. The story unfolds with the protagonist, a boy, coming into contact with the world of the dead in the wake of a disaster: the destruction of a village hit by a meteorite. In the end, the true meaning of old traditional "formalities" -- the town's religious rituals -- come to light.

Keisuke Yamamoto (Osaka Metropolitan University)

The effect of empathic deliberation on the occurrence of the "identified victim effect"

Abstract: The purpose of this study is to analyze how empathic deliberation affects the occurrence of the "identifiable victim effect" (IVE), which refers to the tendency for the intention to help an identifiable victim to be more pronounced than the intention to help an unspecified number of victims. IVE has been found to be more likely to occur in intuitional decision making, but less likely to occur in deliberative decision making (Small et al., 2007). However, deliberative decision making has the problem that the level of altruistic behavior tends to be lower than that of intuitive decision making. This study will identify strategies to increase the level of altruistic behavior while controlling IVE.