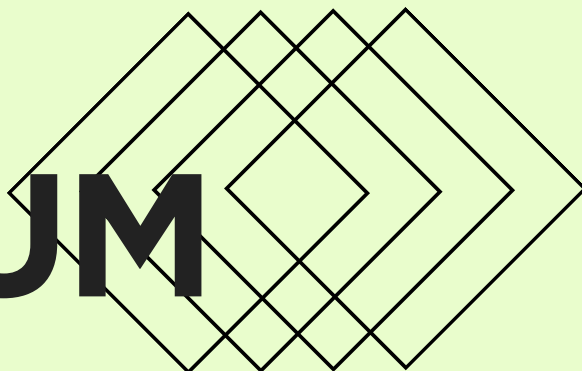

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SAT, DECEMBER 13

SOPHIA SYMPOSIUM 2025



*ENGAGING IN INTER- AND TRANS-
DISCIPLINARY RESEARCH AND
TEACHING IN UNIVERSITIES*

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

OPENING REMARKS

10:00

MORNING SESSION

10:10 - 12:30

LUNCH BREAK

12:30 - 14:00

AFTERNOON SESSION

14:00 - 16:10

COFFEE BREAK

16:10 - 16:20

ROUNDTABLE SESSION

16:20 - 17:20

CLOSING REMARKS

17:20 - 17:30

MEET THE SPEAKERS

DAISUKE NAITO

Assistant Professor,
Graduate School of Agriculture, Kyoto University

ERIC TAGLIACOZZO

John Stambaugh Professor,
History Department, Cornell University

MAY AYE NAW THIRI

Assistant Professor,
Graduate School of Frontier Science, University of Tokyo

CAROLA HOMMERICH

Professor, Department of Sociology, Sophia University

TIMOTHY PACHIRAT

Professor, Department of Political Science,
University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

CARL MIDDLETON

Associate Professor,
Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University

TAKESHI ITO

Professor, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Graduate School of
Global Studies, Sophia University.

10:00 - 17:30 (Doors open at 9:30)

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MEET THE *SPEAKERS*



Daisuke Naito

Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Agriculture Kyoto University

His research focuses on political ecology, forest governance, market-based natural resource management, climate change mitigation and adaptation and adaptation in Tropical Asia and Japan.



Eric Tagliacozzo

John Stambaugh Professor, History Department, Cornell University

Works on extended maritime histories of Southeast Asia, with connections north to East Asian spheres, and west to the worlds of the Indian Ocean and Middle East.



May Aye Naw Thiri

Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Frontier Science University of Tokyo

She is an ecological economist and political ecologist. Her work explores how communities respond to dispossession, disasters, and extractive development, contributing to environmental justice.



Carola Hommerich

Professor, Department of Sociology, Sophia University

Her research focuses on the interrelation of subjective well-being and social status, as well as on the interlinkage of environmental attitudes, emotions and behaviour.

MEET THE *SPEAKERS*



Timothy Pachirat

Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Timothy writes about violence in so-called civilized societies and about ethnography and participant-observation research methods.



Carl Middleton

Associate Professor, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University

His research interests orientate around political ecology in Southeast Asia, including on water, energy, disasters and regionalism.



Takeshi Ito

Professor, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Graduate School of Global Studies, Sophia University.

His work is informed by broad interests in agrarian and environmental change. He has a background in politics, political economy, and political ecology.

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Inter- and trans-disciplinary (ITD) approaches are recommended for researchers and educators who work at highly specialized institutions such as universities. While the rationale of inter- and trans-disciplinarity approaches is now widely recognized and inter- and trans-disciplinary research institutes and teaching centers have been established to promote collaboration among multiple disciplines, most researchers and educators may rightly ask “how can we apply them to our own research and teaching?” This symposium addresses this practical and important question by inviting front-line educators from Japan, Thailand, and the United States to share their rich experiences and to exchange perspectives on how IDT research and teaching help us not only improve knowledge creation but also make our teaching impactful for students.

MORNING SESSION 10:10 - 12:30

**Transdisciplinary Research on the Social Impacts of Global Environmental Problems
-Perspectives from the Ground of Deforestation in Tropical Asia-**

Daisuke Naito (Kyoto University)

Zamboanga, Mindanao: Islam and Christianity at the "End of the World"

Eric Tagliacozzo (Cornell University)

**Bridging Ecological Economics and Political Ecology:
Environmental Justice Lessons from Myanmar**

May Aye Naw Thiri (University of Tokyo)

AFTERNOON SESSION 14:00 - 16:10

**Understanding Climate Change Perceptions, Emotions, and Actions in Japan:
A Transdisciplinary Mixed-Methods Study**

Carola Hommerich (Sophia University)

**A World Ecology of Disasters in Development in East Asia:
Shifting Worldviews and Values towards Justice and Care**

Takeshi Ito (Sophia University) and Carl Middleton (Chulalongkorn University)

Southeast Asia to Slaughterhouse: Reflections on Jim Scott's Mentorship

Timothy Pachirat (University of Massachusetts, Amherst)

ROUNTABLE SESSION 16:20 - 17:20

**How should we promote and conduct transdisciplinary research and teaching
-opportunities and challenges?**

※The presentation order is subject to change. Please visit the website for the latest schedule.