

The Cultural Anthropology Group at the Centre for Advanced Research on Logic and Sensibility (CARLS) invites you to a research seminar at Keio University, Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2010.

**Title:** “Onto-logical Species : Thinking with Animals”

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> August 2010, 14:00-17:30

**Place:** Keio University, Mita Campus, East Research Building, 6F, G-sec Lab

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**Admission:** free

**Language:** English

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### **OUTLINE:**

In the social and human sciences, animals have figured for decades as something radically *other*: they lack rationality, culture, even emotions. On the other hand, scientific research from genetics to neuroscience has been increasingly making our fellow species stand in as models for humans thereby articulating new forms of resemblance. In this workshop, we will try to avoid either extreme and rather focus on the interplay between differences and similarities in the technosocial encounters with animals. Our presenters – a cultural anthropologist and a scholar of science and technology studies – will address such issues through their empirical work on salmon-oriented environmental research in North America and whale knowledges in Japan and beyond, respectively. How do these settings allow different species to be realized, connected and demarcated? How do animals and humans come into being through their interaction with each other in technological and scientific arenas? Such questions are situated in and stimulated by what some may call the ontological turn, and hopefully they open up new crossroads between the humanities and the life sciences. At the same time, they enable us to take the problem of this seminar series a step further and ask how the relationship between logics and sensibilities is *done* in practice.

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### **PROGRAM:**

#### INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Miyasaka Keizo (Keio University, Cultural Anthropology)

#### “DIFFERENCES THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE: DISTINCTIONS OF WILDNESS AND PRACTICES OF DOING SALMON”

Heather Swanson (University of California, Santa Cruz, Dept. of Anthropology)

#### “HOW MANY (SUPER-)WHALES ARE WE? NOTES ON THE ONTOLOGICAL POLITICS OF NON-HUMAN CHARISMA”

Anders Blok (University of Copenhagen, Department of Sociology)

Coffee Break (c. 16:00)

#### COMMENT

Watanabe Shigeru (Keio University, Department of Psychology)

Suzuki Yasunori (Keio University, CARLS)

#### GENERAL DISCUSSION

(Moderator: Mohacsi Gergely, CARLS)

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