

TWO-DAY WORKSHOP Teikyo University, Hachioji Campus, Tokyo, Japan

Bernard Stiegler and the transformation of education in Asia

Philosophy of education, mental health, technology and ecology



Philosophy of Education Society of Australasia

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In-person (Dec Fri 18-19) and online participation (Dec Fri 18)

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Interested presenters should submit

a 300-word abstract by 1 November 2026

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Topics

- Japanese philosophy and Stiegler
- Philosophy of education in Japan
- Hikikomori and mental health
- AI and digital learning environments
- Technology, ecology and education
- Stiegler, Deleuze, Guattari and continental thought

Invited speakers —

- Dan Ross — principal translator of Stiegler
- Sunji Lee — Hosei University
- Santosh Thorat — Seri Architects, India
- Manoj NY — SRM University, India
- Virgilio A. Rivas — Polytechnic University of the Philippines, Manila
- David Kennedy — Nihon University, Tokyo

Workshop Theme

The workshop will explore how these theoretical frameworks can be mobilised to address concrete educational problems in Asia, including the transformation of learning environments through AI, the emergence of data-driven educational systems, and the psychological and social consequences of digital life. In this context, the project engages directly with phenomena such as social withdrawal (hikikomori), reinterpreting them not as purely individual pathologies but as symptoms of broader disruptions in relational and technological milieus.

Methodologically, the project adopts a transdisciplinary approach, combining philosophy of education, continental philosophy, cultural theory, and emerging research on digital pedagogy. It also incorporates non-Western philosophical resources, particularly from multiple traditions in Asia, in order to develop alternative conceptualisations of education that move beyond individualistic and instrumental models.