

Lecture by Dr. Kathleen Mae Cumiskey

From the Presence of Absent Others to the Absence of Presence:

**The impact of emerging technologies
on identity and relationships**



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●Abstract●

In this retrospective, Cumiskey revisits her pivotal research on the impact of mobile media on face-to-face interaction and the emotional experiences of users. She will explore how emerging mobile technologies like artificial intelligence and smart devices are reshaping our relational dynamics with ourselves and others. Drawing from her expertise in critical social and personality psychology in the U.S., Cumiskey examines how increasingly intelligent and interactive devices might be improving quality of life by meeting highly personalized needs, while also fostering an emotional dependency that sidesteps the complexities of human relationships.

The presentation will integrate the Japanese context, proposing that device companionship might be creating a new sphere of interaction that could undermine personal autonomy and genuine human connection. Cumiskey aims to ignite a critical discussion on balancing technological advancement with the preservation of essential human values and cultural traditions.

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