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The Possibility of Considering Sexuality Issues from the Viewpoint of Japanese Philosophy: Space, Body, and Life in NISHIDA Kitarō

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This presentation aims to open up new perspectives on the consideration of sex or sexuality in contemporary society, based on the philosophy of Kitarō Nishida.

Today, the concepts and issues surrounding sexuality are constantly evolving, and the understanding of them required when discussing them is becoming more and more diverse. For instance, Judith Butler criticizes the binary system, which is the construction between sex and gender, in her several arguments. However, it is still difficult for us to consider inclusively various sexual formations.

In this presentation, while focusing on Nishida's discussion of 'acting-intuition' (行為的直観) and 'the individual in the historical world' (歴史的世界における個), which are concepts unique to Nishida's philosophy and particularly well-known as representing his later thought, I would like to reconstruct the entire development of his thought with the core concepts 'space' 'body' and 'life', and then attempt to discuss 'sex' from the perspective of Japanese philosophy.

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