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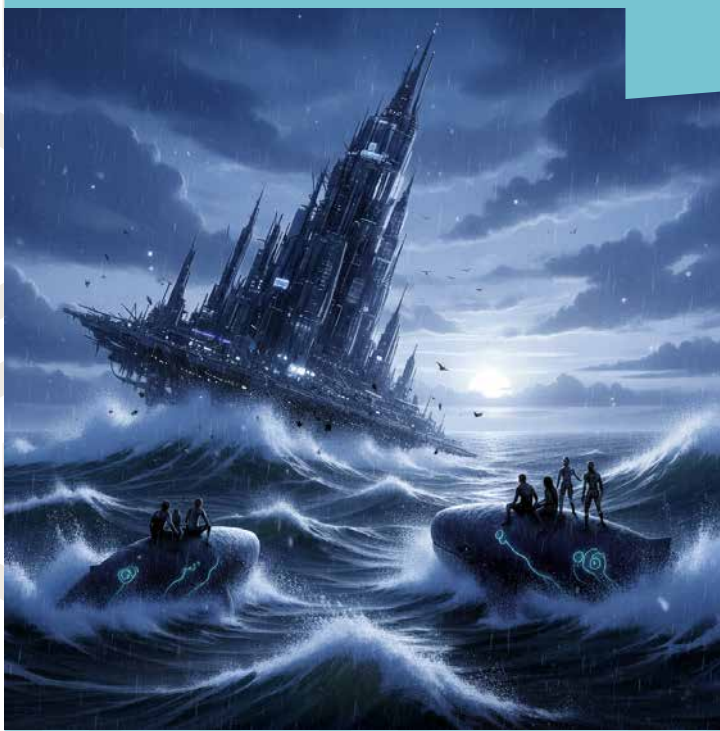
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## There and Back Again

### The Literary Journey of Japanese Science Fiction

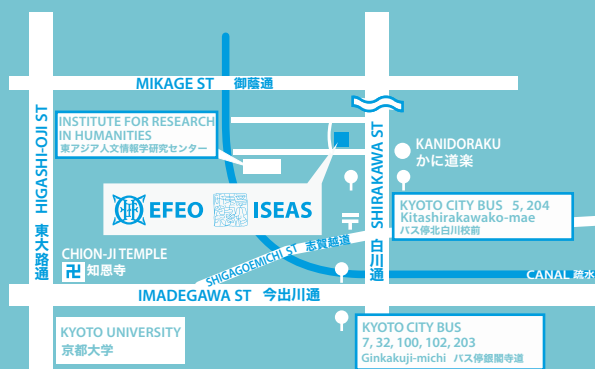
Monday, December 15th, 18:00

**Denis Taillandier**  
SPEAKER



This lecture will look into the dynamics of Japanese science fiction by tracing back the gradual emergence of the genre through various guises — from extraordinary journeys and war chronicles to political novels and detective fiction, examining how it evolved over time and contexts. It will highlight the pioneering role of postwar writers such as Abe Kōbō and reflect on science fiction's slow but steady infiltration into mainstream literature at the turn of the 21st century.

**Denis Taillandier** is Professor at Ritsumeikan University's College of International Relations. His research focuses on the interplay between science fiction and the scientific discourse in contemporary Japan. He has also published anthologies of Japanese SF in French translation.



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