

The 3rd Meeting of Japanese Philosophy Network



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**Title: The Concept of the Immemorial
in Megumi Sakabe**

Abstract:

Megumi Sakabe (1936-2009), a Japanese philosopher who began his career as a Kant scholar, is best known for *The Phenomenology of Mask* (1976), *Tetsuro Watsuji* (1986), and *The Poetics of Persona* (1989). In a later work, *Katari: The Grammar of Story* (1990), he discussed the narrative phase of *katari* by distinguishing it from Japanese *hanashi* or *uta*. My main argument will be how he evolved the concept of the person/persona when he took into account the problematics of poetic language. For this, I would like to focus on his idea of the immemorial, which is explained as the act of touching the extraordinary time and space of the myths realized by *katari*.

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