



The Max Planck Center Seminar Series

Speaker: Dr. Shin-ichi Nishikawa, M.D., Ph.D.

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Title: Darwin's dangerous idea to establish science about the causality of non-existing

Dr. Shin-ichi Nishikawa received his MD in 1973 and Ph.D. in 1987 from the Kyoto University School of Medicine. In 1980, he was awarded the Humboldt Research Fellowship and joined Dr. Klaus Rajewsky's laboratory then at Universität zu Köln. Over the past decade, Dr. Nishikawa served as Director of the Institute of Biomedical Research and Innovation and Deputy Director of the RIKEN Center for Developmental Biology. He is recognized as a world leader in the field of stem cells and, in particular, has made enormous contributions to the identification and characterization of melanocyte stem cells. Dr. Nishikawa has played major roles in advancing this important field of research and in the training of a future generation of scientists who have extended his legacy through their own discoveries. He is also a discoverer of the recessive osteopetrosis (op) mutation in the gene for macrophage colony-stimulating factor (M-CSF). Dr. Nishikawa is an exceptionally cultured person, and has recently shifted his prodigious intellect to study the process of science and how it has diverged from philosophy. In particular, he has focused on the history of philosophy and the work of Descartes, Hume and Kant.

**Date: January 16th, 2014
16:30-17:30**

**Place: Small Lecture Hall
Faculty of Medicine Bldg 2
The University of Tokyo
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*Seminar will be given in Japanese.

