

Scientific Workshop 9

Current events in occupational science in the Asia-Pacific: A Global Cafe

Date & Time: 2024/11/7 13:30-15:00

Venue: Venue 9 (2F 206)

Estimated capacity: 50

Lecturer:

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Risa Takashima (Hokkaido University)

Learning Objectives

For this 90-minute scientific workshop, we aim to:

1. Discuss the interest and/or motivation in the field of occupational science
2. Identify local or regional occupational science-related activities, projects, and research
3. Generate a collective output in a form of a mind map visualization
4. Promoting a forum for dialogue as group–Asia-Pacific Community for the Promotion of Occupation

Outline

Occupational science is concerned with advancing the knowledge of human occupations. Occupational science has wrestled with a critique about drawing too uniformly from Global North perspectives characterized by individualism, mastery of the environment, and written in the English language, among others. Cultivating a commitment to study and explore perspectives beyond the West, situating human doing within the Asia-Pacific context is required (Lee, 2019). This scientific workshop invites participants in the APOTC 2024 to take part in this conversation surrounding occupational science and its relevance in the Asia-Pacific region.