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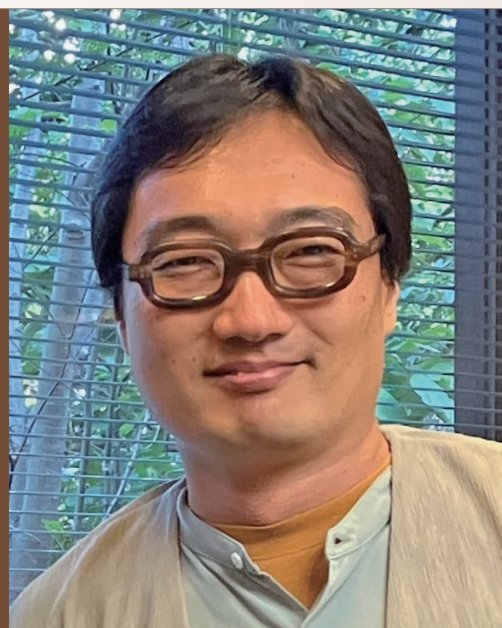
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Reconsidering “For Everyone”: Infrastructure Design with Minorities as a Base Point



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He completed his studies at the Graduate School of Engineering, Kyushu University, in 2002. After working as a consulting engineer engaged in design consulting for government agencies, he entered the doctoral program at Kyushu University. Since 2012, he has served as Assistant Professor and Lecturer at Daiichi Institute of Technology. Since 2018, he has served as Specially Appointed Assistant Professor and later Specially Appointed Associate Professor at the Center for Health Sciences and Counseling, Kyushu University. Since 2025, he has held his current position.

His current specialty is inclusive design for public infrastructure. After graduating from graduate school, he spent his twenties engaged in consulting work on public spaces, particularly bridges, and dedicated himself to enhancing the physical aspects of infrastructure. Gradually, his interest shifted toward people, and from his doctoral studies onward he became deeply involved in citizen co-creation through the practice of community development and landscape design. He later launched the Rakuchin Lab at Kyushu University to advance the implementation of an inclusive campus and explore forms of infrastructure that can embrace a greater diversity of end users.

He loves crossing boundaries and co-creation. He has received awards including the Design Award of the Japan Society of Civil Engineers, the Kids Design Award, and the Japan Sign Design Award. He is a co-editor of Rethinking Infrastructure (Japan Society of Civil Engineers).

In this seminar, we will reconsider the way we perceive infrastructure. Rather than limiting infrastructure to a physical foundation as it has conventionally been understood, we will regard it as a public foundation that supports an inclusive society and explore what public infrastructure should be in the future.

In particular, minorities will be positioned not as groups that should be given additional consideration, but as a base point for rethinking society and space. From this perspective, we will consider the design of infrastructure in which people with different characteristics can coexist.

The speaker has organized the Rakuchin Lab at Kyushu University, which is composed of experts from multiple fields across the sciences and humanities, and has advanced the implementation of new public spaces through the use of integrated knowledge. In this process, rather than limiting discussions to experts alone, emphasis has been placed on co-creation with diverse stakeholders—including users directly concerned, practitioners, and researchers—from the generation of ideas to their implementation.

Through these practices, public spaces that are co-created with stakeholders, taking minorities as a base point, are conceptualized as “Inclusive Infrastructure.” Based on this concept, the speaker has proposed new perspectives and ways of thinking in the field of infrastructure development, including through the Japan Society of Civil Engineers.