

# Vortrag

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### The Riddle of Presence / Das Rätsel der Gegenwart

**Prof. Dr. Shigehisa Kuriyama**

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Professor Kuriyama's research explores broad philosophical issues (being and time, representations and reality, knowing and feeling) through the lens of specific topics in comparative medical history (Japan, China, and Europe). His recent work includes studies on the imagination of strings in the metaphysics and experience of presence, the visceral fear of excrement in Western medicine, the transformation of money into a palpable humor in Edo Japan, the nature of hiddenness in traditional Chinese medicine, and the surprising web of connections binding the histories of ginseng, opium, tea and silver.



Vincent van Gogh, Selbstportrait

He was a pioneer in the development of course trailers at Harvard, founded the Harvard Shorts competition for scholarly clips, and has held workshops on multimedia presentations of research for faculty and students at many universities around the world.

**Zeit:** 18 Uhr – 20 Uhr  
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