

What are the charms and potential of alleyway culture?

Site visit and discussion in Sendai

1. Purpose

In Sendai, the "City of Trees," the bustling downtown area still retains its traditional alleyways, offering a sense of historical accumulation that modern urban development projects cannot replicate.

In this lecture, we will examine these alleyways—narrow streets lined with small shops, creating a unique environment—through on-site measurements and group discussions to consider their charm and challenges.

The purpose of this training is to hone your senses in the field, deepen your own thinking through conversations with people, and enhance your ability to present your findings. In this process, please visit the sites, gather necessary information, and conduct research. Let's become familiar with Sendai.

2. Schedule (intensive)

① **October 5th, 16:45-18:15**

@ Aobayama, Education and Research Building for Human and Environmental Studies, 5th floor, 509, Adjustment of travel time from Kawauchi

Lecture outline

② **Site Visit and Measure will be held on October 19th 16:45-19:45**

③ **and October 26th 16:45-19:45**

- On-site measurements taken at Iroha Yokocho and To-ichi Market
- Student TAs from the research lab provided guidance on the measurements.

④ **November 16th, 16:45-19:45**

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- Interim presentations by enrolled students, followed by a full-group discussion.
- "The Charm and Potential of Alleyway Culture"
- Guest lecturers are also planned.

⑤ **December 21st, 16:45-18:15**

@ Aobayama Campus, Department of Human and Environmental Sciences, Education and Research Building, 5F 509

Final presentation and discussion

The maximum number of students will be 10.

Extra self-introduction

My research is about designing the way the territory should be and will be. Design is the activities of conceiving and realising a different way of being from the present.

In order to understand a territory as much as possible, we go to the field, put myself there and stare, listen and talk. We read relevant studies. Then we make suggestions and even put them into practice with the residents. Then it's back on track. Importantly, in the process, we exchange intentions with various people, including local residents.

It is hoped that the participants will experience such a method of territorial design.



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