The Griffith Asia Institute, Griffith University and the Australian Centre of Asia-Pacific Art, Queensland Art Gallery would like to invite you to the

**Perspectives: Asia Seminar:**

‘Investigation of life: Ethnological turn in post-war Japanese art’

By Fumihiko Sumitomo, Independent curator / Arts Initiative Tokyo

Fumihiko Sumitomo is an independent curator and Deputy Director of the Arts Initiative Tokyo, a nonprofit, independent collective of curators and arts administrators who seek to provide a new public forum for contemporary art.

The recent Director of the International Festival for Arts and Media Yokohama 2009, CREAM [Creativity for Arts and Media], and the Festival for Arts and Social Technology Yokohama, Fumihiko Sumitomo has been senior curator at Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo (MOT), curator at NTT InterCommunication Center (ICC) in Tokyo and the 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa.

His curatorial projects include the exhibitions “Art Meets Media: Adventure in Perception” (2005) and “Possible Futures: Japanese Postwar Art and Technology” (2005) at NTT InterCommunication Center (ICC). He also co-curated international exhibitions such as ‘3rd Nanjing Triennial’ in 2008 and ‘Beautiful New World: Contemporary Visual Culture from Japan’, “798” Dashanzi Art District and Guangdong Museum of Art in 2007 and co-curator of ‘Rapt!: 20 Contemporary Artists from Japan’ shown throughout Melbourne and Sydney in 2006.

Sumitomo has published widely on contemporary art and has contributed to several publications, including The Role of Art in the 21st Century (Tokyo: Mirai-sha 2006) and is currently editing a new publication on the history of Japanese Contemporary Art.

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**Cinema B, Gallery of Modern Art, Stanley Place, South Bank**
**Thursday 25 March 2010 - The doors open at 5.30pm.**

Guests are welcome to join us for refreshments prior to the seminar. Places are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Please RSVP, to Natasha Vary by **Monday 22 March** on telephone 07 3735 5322 or email n.vary@griffith.edu.au.