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Programme

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Tuesday, 25 March- Wednesday, 26 March 2008

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I. Beyond the Self		II. Language, learning and identity	
Tuesday March 25		Wednesday March 26	
9:00	Welcome: Paul Standish and Masuo Koyasu		
9:15	Paul Standish & Naoko Saito Introduction to <i>Beyond the Self</i>	9:15	Masuo Koyasu Young children's development of understanding self, other, and language Jan Derry Brandom, Vygotsky and Psychology
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5:15	Atsuko Tsuji & respondent: Anna Strhan Writing and experience: reading Walter Benjamin's "Franz Kafka"	5:15	Conclusion - Paul Standish and Naoko Saito
		5:30	End of conference
7.30	Dinner		

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