

2026 Distinguished Visiting Professor Lecture

# Writing and Being

## Heidegger's Manuscripts and the Philology of Philosophy

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Dr. Felix Christen teaches German literature at Heidelberg University and is currently a Heisenberg Fellow of the German Research Foundation associated with Osnabrück University. He held visiting professorships at Brown University and Johns Hopkins University and has published widely on German literature and thought from the 18th to the 20th century.



#### Attendance Information

**Venue:** Room 321, 2nd Floor, Building No. 3, Seijo University

**No advance registration is required. Please come directly to the venue.**

- Admission is free and open to all.
- The lecture will include Japanese subtitles. The Q&A session will be interpreted into Japanese.

#### Abstract :

Heidegger often emphasized that his philosophy did not consist of works but of *Denkwege*: paths of thinking. Yet while the importance of his lecture courses for the history of philosophy has long been recognized—such as their impact on the Kyoto School—only very little attention has been paid to his writing as a form of thinking. By closely examining some of his manuscripts in relation to the developing terminology of *Being and Time* in the 1920s, the lecture aims to show that the stakes of Heidegger's thinking are inseparable from the way he wrote and rewrote his drafts. The textual genesis of his manuscripts and what he considers to be the dynamic paths of thinking—rather than finished works—belong together.

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