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Japanese Racial Identities within US-Japan Relations, 1853-1919

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The purpose of this talk is to illustrate the process through which, at the turn of the twentieth century, the Japanese went from a racial anomaly to honorary members of the "White race." While the racial ideology of the time theoretically classified the Japanese as "yellow," their political, economic, and military achievements made this classification uncertain. Forced to cope with the new power in the Far East, Western nations had to devise a negotiation zone - a racial middle ground - in which they could accommodate the Japanese and adapt their racial identity. The idea of a racial middle ground enables us to understand how the Japanese managed, by diplomatic skills and political pressure, to differentiate themselves from other "colored races" and assert their status as a "modern" nation.

開催言語:日英両語。 General Discussion will be held in both English and Japanese. 9月25日11:00までに事前登録してください。 Pre-registration is required by 11:00 on September 25. https://forms.office.com/r/MRRAHJfCwd

