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International Symposium “Entangled Trajectories of Modernization: Medicine, Science, and Technology in Transwar East Asia”

DIJ Tokyo, 17-18 September 2026

PROGRAM

DAY 1

12:45 - 13:00 Welcome Address

13:00 - 14:30 Panel 1: Governing Populations: Eugenics and Biopolitics

Chair: Nadin Heé

Jin-kyung **Park**: “Spatializing the Population Problem: Empire, Nation, and the Geopolitics of Population in Colonial Korea”

Akira **Hashimoto**: “Eugenics in Japanese Colonies and U.S.-Ruled Okinawa”

Jaehwan **Hyun**: “Constructing the Zainichi population: Transwar Eugenic Legacies and the Japan-Korea Public Health Network”

14:30 - 15:00 Coffee Break

15:00 - 16:00 Panel 2: Measuring Bodies: Anthropology and Its Legacies

Chair: Nicolas Schillinger

Ping-Heng **Chen**: “Knowledge in Transit: The Colonial Anthropology of the “South Seas” and Its Postwar Transformation in Taiwan”

Harry Yi-Jui **Wu**: “From Colonial Body to National Strength: The Transformation of Physical Anthropology in Postwar Taiwan”

16:00 - 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 - 17:30 Keynote

Chair: Bernhard Leitner

Hiroimi **Mizuno**: “Mis-memory: Numbers and the Meaning of Transwar”

DAY 2

10:00 - 11:30 Panel 3: Reconfiguring Empire: Science Diplomacy and Technical Cooperation

Chair: Sabine Frühstück

John **DiMoia**: “Emerging Medical Networks in Post-Colonial South Korea, 1954-early 1970s”

Dolf-Alexander **Neuhaus**: “Industrial education for Koreans under Japanese colonial rule and its postwar legacies, 1910s – 1960s”

Nadin **Heé**: “Currents of Empire: Transwar Oceanic Science, Fisheries Diplomacy, and Transimperial Species”

11:30 - 13:00 Lunch Break

13:00 - 14:00 Panel 4: Scientizing Male Bodies in War and Peace

Chair: Dolf-Alexander Neuhaus

Sabine **Frühstück**: “Naked Truths: Male Bodies and Scientific Knowledge in Transwar East Asia”

Nicolas **Schillinger**: “Scientific Warfare and the Bodies of Soldiers in the Republican Chinese Army”

14:00 - 14:30 Coffee Break

14:30 - 16:00 Panel 5: Treating Empire: Medicine, the Body, and the Mind

Chair: Hiromi Mizuno

Hoi-eun **Kim**: “You Are What You Eat: Hot Peppers, Colonial Gynecology, and Female Frailty in Colonial Korea”

Bernhard **Leitner**: “Sickness as a Cure for Empire: Transnational Malaria-Therapy Research in Austria, Japan, Korea and Taiwan from the 1930s”

Akihito **Suzuki**: “Urban Psychiatry, Rural Culture, and Patients’ Imagination: Reading ‘Stories of the Dreams of an Idiot’ (1937)”

16:00 - 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 - 17:00 Final Discussion & Closing Remarks