ASA 150B: Japanese American Experience
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This course will examine the political and economic forces that precipitated Japanese immigration to the US beginning with the transformation of modern Japan during the later nineteenth century. The political economy of Meiji Era Japan and the US, theories of immigration processes, social discrimination, racism, interethnic relations, gender roles, class conflict, generational change, contemporary US colonialism, and transnationalism are among the themes to be discussed.

The focus will be on the modern era (1850-present) with particular emphasis on the watershed historical experience of WWII. Postwar resettlement and adjustment will be covered in tandem with growth of newer immigrants or “shin imin” that include so called “war brides”, students, business men, artists/intellectuals, and Japanese contemporary corporate transnationals.

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