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Industrialization? The Case of Japan, 1868-1937 Peer Vries,2022-08-01 In this book Peer Vries is the first scholar to provide an extensive test of the claim that industrialization in East Asia in particular in Japan between the Meiji Restoration and World War Two would have been much more labour intensive than industrialization in the West He does this by systematically comparing the role and importance of labour and capital in Japan and in a number of Western countries at a similar stage of their industrial development He uses macro economic data as well as specific observations by people at the time It turns out that there is no reason to distinguish a specific labour intensive Japanese route of industrialization His comparative analysis provides us with a better understanding of the logic of industrialization in both West and East

Labour-Intensive Industrialization in Global History Gareth Austin, Kaoru Sugihara, 2013-09-13 The prevailing view of industrialization has focussed on technology capital entrepreneurship and the institutions that enabled them to be deployed Labour was often equated with other factors of production and assigned a relatively passive role Yet it was labour absorption and the improvement of the quality of labour over the course of several centuries that underscored the timing pace and quality of global industrialization While science and technology developed in the West and whereas the use of fossil fuels especially coal and oil were vital to this process the more recent history has been underpinned by the development of comparatively resource and energy saving technology without which the diffusion of industrialization would not have been possible The labour intensive resource saving path which emerged in East Asia under the influence of Western technology and institutions and is diffusing across the world suggests the most realistic route humans could take for a further diffusion of industrialization which might respond to the rising expectations of living standards without catastrophic environmental Labour, Coercion, and Economic Growth in Eurasia, 17th-20th Centuries, 2012-09-28 The history of the degradation forms of free labour is intimately linked to that of coerced labour In this book worldwide acknowledged specialists of Russia China Russia Japan India the Indian Ocean France and Britain show that between the seventeenth and the twentieth century forms of labour and bondage were defined and practised in reference to each other Labour relationships found their sources not only in the global circulation of models peoples goods and institutions but also in market dynamics Proto industry agriculture trade and manufacturing experienced unprecedented growth throughout Eurasia Mostly labour intensive this long term growth put considerable pressure on labour resources and contributed to increased coercion and legal constraints on labour mobility in both Asia and Europe A Japanese Joint Venture in the Pacific Kate Barclay, 2008-02-01 The Japanese and other Asians are increasingly taking over some of the roles previously played by Europeans in the Pacific islands which is giving rise to interesting new economic relationships and interesting new interactions between nationalities This book considers the role of the Japanese in the Solomon Islands focusing in particular on a The Pacific War Christina Twomey, Ernest Koh, 2014-09-15 The Pacific War is an umbrella term that refers collectively to a disparate set of wars however this book presents a strong case for considering this assemblage of conflicts as a collective singular war It

highlights the genuine thematic commonalities in the legacies of war that cohere across the Asia Pacific and shows how the wars both individually and collectively wrought dramatic change to the geo political makeup of the region This book discusses the cultural political and social implications of the Pacific War and engages with debates over the war s impact legacies and continuing cultural resonances Crucially it examines the meanings and significance of the Second World War from a truly international perspective and the contributors present fascinating case studies that highlight the myriad of localised idiosyncrasies in how the Pacific War has been remembered and deployed in political contexts The chapters trace the shared legacy that the individual wars had on demographics culture and mobility across the Asia Pacific and demonstrate how in the aftermath of the war political borders were transformed and new nation states emerged. The book also considers racial and sexual tensions which accompanied the arrival of both Allied and Axis personnel and their long lasting consequences as well as the impact returning veterans and the war crime trials that followed the conflict had on societies in the region In doing so it succeeds in illuminating the events and issues that unfolded in the weeks months and indeed decades after the war This interdisciplinary volume examines the aftermaths and legacies of war for individuals communities and institutions across South Southeast and East Asia Oceania and the Pacific world As such it will be welcomed by students and scholars of Asian history modern history and cultural history as well as by those interested in issues of memory and commemoration Japan and the Great Divergence Penelope Francks, 2016-10-15 This text offers an accessible guide to the ways in which our growing knowledge of development in early modern and modernising Japan can throw light on the paths that industrialisation was eventually to take across the globe It has long been taken as read that the industrial revolution was the product of some form of European superiority dating back to at least early modern times In The Great Divergence Kenneth Pomeranz challenged this assumption on the basis of his evidence that parts of eighteenth century China were as well placed as northern Europe to achieve sustained economic growth thus igniting what has been called the single most important debate in recent global history Japan as the only non Western country to experience significant industrialisation before the Second World War ought to provide crucial and intriguing evidence in the debate but analysis of the Japanese case in such a context has remained limited This work suggests ways of re interpreting Japanese economic history in the light of the debate so arguing that global historians and scholars of Japan have in fact much to say to each other within the comparative framework that the Great Divergence provides **Science for Governing Japan's Population** Aya Homei, 2022-11-17 Twenty first century Japan is known for the world's most aged population Faced with this challenge Japan has been a pioneer in using science to find ways of managing a declining birth rate Science for Governing Japan's Population considers the question of why these population phenomena have been seen as problematic What roles have population experts played in turning this demographic trend into a government concern Aya Homei examines the medico scientific fields around the notion of population that developed in Japan from the 1860s to the 1960s analyzing the role of the population

experts in the government's effort to manage its population. She argues that the formation of population sciences in modern Japan had a symbiotic relationship with the development of the neologism population jink and with the transformation of Japan into a modern sovereign power Through this history Homei unpacks assumptions about links between population sovereignty and science This title is also available as Open Access New Challenges to Food Security Ian Christoplos, Adam Pain, 2014-11-13 Food security is high on the political agenda Fears about societal insecurity due to food price increases and hunger grave scenarios regarding the effects of climate change and general uncertainty about the impacts of investments in biofuels and so call land grabbing on food prices and availability have meant that food security is now recognised as being a multifaceted challenge This book is unique in that it will bring together analyses of these different factors that impact on food security This volume will describe a range of different perspectives on food security with an emphasis on the various meanings that are applied to food security crisis The challenges to be reviewed include market volatility climate change and state fragility Analyses of responses to food security crises and risk will cover rural and urban contexts arenas of national policy formation and global food regimes and investment in land and productive technologies This book is unique in two respects First it takes a step back from the normative literature focused on specific factors of for example climate change agricultural production or market volatility to look instead at the dynamic interplay between these new challenges It helps readers to understand that food security is not one discourse but is rather related to how these different factors generate multiple risks and opportunities Second through the case studies the book particularly emphasises how these factors come together at local levels as farmers entrepreneurs consumers local government officials and others are making key decisions about what will be done to address food security and whose food security will be given priority The book will explore how food production and consumption is embedded in powerful political and market forces and how these Ennobling Japan's Savage Northeast Nathan Hopson, 2020-10-26 Ennobling Japan's Savage influence local actions Northeast is the first comprehensive account in English of the discursive life of the T hoku region in postwar Japan from 1945 through 2011 The Northeast became the subject of world attention with the March 2011 triple disaster of earthquake tsunami and nuclear meltdown But T hoku s history and significance to emic understandings of Japanese self and nationhood remain poorly understood When Japan embarked on its quest to modernize in the mid nineteenth century historical prejudice contemporary politics and economic calculation together led the state to marginalize T hoku creating a backward region in both fact and image After 1945 a group of mostly local intellectuals attempted to overcome this image and rehabilitate the Northeast as a source of new national values This early postwar T hoku recuperation movement has proved to be a critical source for the new Kyoto school's neoconservative valorization of native Japanese identity fueling that group's antimodern anti Western discourse since the 1980s Nathan Hopson unravels the contested postwar meanings of T hoku to reveal the complex and contradictory ways in which that region has been incorporated into Japan's shifting self images since World War

<u>Iapanese Diplomacy in the 1950s</u> Makoto Iokibe, Caroline Rose, Junko Tomaru, John Weste, 2008-02-19 This book Η provides a detailed examination of Japan's diplomatic relations in the 1950s an important decade in international affairs when new structures and systems emerged and when Japan established patterns in its international relationships which continue today It examines the process of Japan's attempts to rehabilitate itself and reintegrate into a changing world and the degree of success to which Japan achieved its goals in the political economic and security spheres The book is divided into three parts each containing three chapters Part I looks at Japan in the eyes of the Anglo American powers Part II at Japanese efforts to gain membership of newly forming regional and international organizations and Part III considers the role of domestic factors in Japanese foreign policy making Important issues are considered including Japanese rearmament and the struggle to gain entry into the United Nations In contrast to much of the academic literature on post war Japanese diplomacy generally presenting Japan as a passive actor of little relevance or importance this book shows that Japan did not simply sit passively by but formed and attempted to instigate its own visions into the evolving regional and global structures It also shows that whilst Japan did not always figure as highly as its politicians and policy makers may have liked in the foreign policy considerations of other nation states many countries and organizations did attach a great deal of importance to re building relations with Japan throughout this period of re adjustment and transformation **Street Performers and Society in Urban Japan, 1600-1900** Gerald Groemer, 2016-01-13 This book presents a thoroughly researched and meticulously documented study of the emergence development and demise of music theatre recitation and dance witnessed by the populace on thoroughfares plazas and makeshift outdoor performance spaces in Edo Tokyo For some three hundred years this city was the centre of such arts both sacred and secular This study outlines the nature of the performances explores the social relations which lay behind them and reveals vast complexity an obligation of gift giving on the part of observers performers who were often economic migrants fallen on hard times relations of performance to social class a class system much more finely gradated than the official four caste system and institutions of professional organization and registration enforced by government with penalties for unregistered performers The book discusses how performing witnessing and rewarding performance were closely bound up with economy society and government how the interaction between various groups related to socio economic advancement how the system of street performance reinforced social control and how the balance between different groups shifted over time Martial Arts and the Body Politic in Meiji Japan Denis Gainty, 2013-08-22 In 1895 the newly formed Greater Japan Martial Virtue Association Dainippon Butokukai held its first annual Martial Virtue Festival butokusai in the ancient capital of Kyoto The Festival marked the arrival of a new iteration of modern Japan as the Butokukai's efforts to define and popularise Japanese martial arts became an important medium through which the bodies of millions of Japanese citizens would experience draw on and even shape the Japanese nation and state This book shows how the notion and practice of Japanese martial arts in the late Meiji period brought

Japanese bodies Japanese nationalisms and the Japanese state into sustained contact and dynamic engagement with one another Using a range of disciplinary approaches Denis Gainty shows how the metaphor of a national body and the cultural and historical meanings of martial arts were celebrated and appropriated by modern Japanese at all levels of society allowing them to participate powerfully in shaping the modern Japanese nation and state While recent works have cast modern Japanese and their bodies as subject to state domination and elite control this book argues that having a body being a body and through that body experiencing and shaping social political and even cosmic realities is an important and underexamined aspect of the late Meiji period Martial Arts and the Body Politic in Meiji Japan is an important contribution to debates in Japanese and Asian social sciences theories of the body and its role in modern historiography and related questions of power and agency by suggesting a new and dramatic role for human bodies in the shaping of modern states and societies As such it will be valuable to students and scholars of Japanese studies Japanese history modern nations and nationalisms and sport and leisure studies as well as those interested in the body more broadly China and Japan in the Russian Imagination, 1685-1922 Susanna Soojung Lim, 2013 Throughout the centuries as Russia strove to build itself into an imperial power equal to those in the West China and Japan came to occupy a special place in Russians view of the orient Never colonised by Russia or the West China and Japan were linked not only to the greatest of Russian imperial fantasies but also conversely to a deep sense of insecurity regarding Russia's place in the world a sense of insecurity which deepened as China and Japan began to modernise in the later nineteenth century Drawing on a wide range of works by Russian writers and thinkers Lim sets out how Russian perceptions of China and Japan were formed from Muscovy s first contacts with China in the late seventeenth century through to the aftermath of Russia's defeat by Japan in the early twentieth century China and the First Vietnam War, 1947-54 Laura M. Calkins, 2013-04-12 This book charts the development of the First Vietnam War the war between the Vietnamese Communists the Viet Minh and the French colonial power considering especially how relations between the Viet Minh and the Chinese Communists had a profound impact on the course of the war It shows how the Chinese provided finance training and weapons to the Viet Minh but how differences about strategy emerged particularly when China became involved in the Korean War and the subsequent peace negotiations when the need to placate the United States and to prevent US military involvement in Southeast Asia became a key concern for the Chinese The book shows how the Viet Minh strategy of all out war in the north and limited guerrilla warfare in the south developed from this situation and how the war then unfolded **Provincial Life and the Military in Imperial Japan** Stewart Lone, 2009-10-23 The book challenges the long standing view of prewar Japan as a militaristic society Instead of relying on the usual accounts about senior commanders and politics at the heart of government it shows the realities of provincial society s relations with the military in Japan at ground level Japan's Household Registration System and Citizenship David Chapman, Karl Jakob Krogness, 2014-03-05 Japan s Household Registration System koseki seido is an extremely powerful state instrument and is

socially entrenched with a long history of population governance social control and the maintenance of social order It provides identity whilst at the same time imposing identity upon everyone registered and in turn the state receives validity and legitimacy from the registration of its inhabitants. The study of the procedures and mechanisms for identifying and documenting people provides an important window into understanding statecraft and by examining the koseki system this book provides a keen insight into social and political change in Japan By looking through the lens of the koseki system the book takes both an historical as well as a contemporary approach to understanding Japanese society In doing so it develops our understanding of contemporary Japan within the historical context of population management and social control reveals the social effects and influence of the koseki system throughout its history and presents new insights into citizenship nationality and identity Furthermore this book develops our knowledge of state functions and indeed the nation state itself through engaging critically with important issues relating to the koseki while at the same time providing a platform for further investigation The contributors to this volume utilise a variety of disciplinary areas including history gender studies sociology law and anthropology and each chapter provides insights that bring us closer to a comprehensive grasp of the role effects and historical background of what is a crucial and influential instrument of the Japanese state This book will be of great interest to students and scholars of Japanese history Japanese culture and society Japanese studies Asian social policy Itō Hirobumi - Japan's First Prime Minister and Father of the Meiji Constitution and demography more generally Takii Kazuhiro, 2014-01-21 The brilliant and influential statesman It Hirobumi 1841 1909 and the first prime minister of Japan s modern state has been poorly understood This biography attempts to set the record straight about It s thought and vision for Japan's modernisation based on research in primary sources It outlines It's life the son of a poor farmer he showed exceptional talent as a boy and was sent to study in Europe and the United States He returned home convinced that Western civilisation was the only viable path for Japan Following the Meiji Restoration of 1868 It became a powerful intellectual and political force behind reforms of Japanese laws and institutions aimed to shape a modern government based on informed leadership and a knowledeable populace Among his many achievements were the establishment of Japan's first constitution the Meiji Constitution of 1889 and the founding in 1900 of a new type of constitutional party the Rikken Seiyukai Friends of Constitutional Government which reformulated after 1945 became the Liberal Democratic Party that has dominated Japanese politics in the postwar period Concerning It's role as Japanese Resident General in Korea from 1905 the author argues that It s aim not understood by either the Japanese home government or Koreans themselves was not to colonize Korea He was determined to modernise Korea and consolidate further constitutional reforms in Japan This aim was not shared by others and It resigned in 1909 He was assassinated the same year in Manchuria by a Korean nationalist The Japanese language edition of this book is a bestseller in Japan and it received the Suntory Prize for Social Sciences and Humanities one of Japan s most prestigious publishing awards Housework, Consumption and Female Labour in Japan, 1600—1940 Penelope

Francks,2025-02-27 This book illuminates the largely neglected contribution of unpaid primarily female household labour to economic production and living standards in Japan from the early modern period to the eve of World War Two The difficulties involved in measuring time devoted to housework and other forms of household labour in the past have meant that most attempts to assess the process of industrialisation have failed to recognise the ways in which such labour is essential to the sustainability and welfare of the population In this context Japan presents a significant example of a historical case of industrialisation occurring within an economy that continued to be dominated by the institution of the household This short study argues that this must have led to a particularly significant underestimation of Japanese living standards in the past with implications for comparative and global analysis and to neglect of the key role of women in the historical economy Providing a nuanced yet concise analysis this book will be valuable reading for scholars of economic history and feminist economics as well as introducing important comparative angles for researchers in Japanese studies and gender studies more widely

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