

LECTURE SERIES #05



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Toward the Global Comparison of Revolutions

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This lecture will provide a summary of the comparative studies on revolutions. Our research began with an analysis of the Meiji Revolution. This revolution was among the most radical, as it dismantled the hereditary status system through the restoration of a monarch. The death toll was quite a few, about 32,000, compared to other revolutions such as the French Revolution with domestic casualties of 645,000. This fact leads us to reconsider the concept of revolution that was disseminated from the Bolshevik revolution to the world during the 20th century. It enables us to recognize the existence of other revolutions that resulted in, perhaps paradoxically, republics with monarchies.



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