

RELAUNCH: JAPAN IN THE 1950S

A NATIONAL ONLINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR SECONDARY TEACHERS

When the Occupation ended in 1952, Japan turned away from a national and global identity as a defeated people and nation, embracing the return of its national sovereignty. International treaties ended the Occupation and launched new relationships with the US and the world. Domestically, Japan moved beyond recovery to economic, societal, and cultural transformations. Yet throughout the decade, Japanese society wrestled with legacies of its earlier 20th century.

This online course will explore the 1950s as a "bridge" decade, linking Japan's early 20th-century past to its future through 4 thematic modules. Each module takes a key 1950s event, exploring the international and domestic stories unfolding from that event and features a live webinar (7-8:20 pm ET on dates below) with a leading scholar of postwar Japan. Asynchronous discussions will explore foundational primary sources and current scholarship on the period.



Our textbooks rarely spend more than a moment on Japan in the 1950s. Yet, it was a pivotal period of recentering, redefinition, and re-emergence as a democratic nation.



Schedule:

Intro period: September 16 - 24

Module 1: Peace and Security. September 26 - October 10. Webinar on Sept 30

Module 2: The Three Treasures: Becoming a Middle-Class Society. Oct 10 - Oct 24.

Webinar October 21

Module 3: Through the Eyes of Godzilla. Oct 24 - Nov 7. Webinar October 28

Module 4: Civil Society Takes Root: Popular Movements and Activism. Nov 7 - Nov 21. Webinar Nov 11.

Eligibility:

- Open to secondary teachers nationwide, with priority given to full-time, contract social studies teachers.
- Course limit: 25 teachers. Rolling admission.



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- Participate in all live webinars
- Submit an evaluation
- Gain access to resources
- Receive certificate for 32 contact hours
- Earn \$100 completion award

