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### **Reconsidering Japan as a Post-Postwar Society: Transformation of Universality**

How can we simultaneously resist neo-liberalism as “a universal rule” and the re-nationalization of local culture? This question looms in Japan with the end of the LDP’s almost-uninterrupted rule, which implemented neo-liberal “reforms” while inclining to a reactionary particularism. However, universal ideas always entangle with particularities in specific local contexts.

This session will examine how universality has been transformed in Japanese society. During 1960-1970s, Japan has experienced a rupture between “Postwar Society” and “Post-Postwar Society”(Shunya Yoshimi). This change overlaps and corresponds to the readjustment of global Capital(D. Harvey, A. Negri). To consider Japan’s transformation of the universal/particular on its way to a ‘Post-Postwar Society’, this session examines discourses of intellectuals, postcolonial minority citizenship, atomic energy plant policy and social movements, considering Japan as 1) a society defined by the WWII and the Cold War, 2) a former imperialist society forgetting its dark legacies 3) a society formed through state-led development along with other Asian societies.