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Responsible Subject in Global Society: Neo-liberal Turn in the Post-9/11 Japanese Political Discourses

In 2001, two remarkable events happened: the emergence of the Koizumi cabinet and the 9/11 terror. What consequences have these events brought to Japanese political climate? In this presentation, the acceleration of Neo-liberal moment in Japan under the Koizumi cabinet is explored through the analysis of media discourses in regard to 9/11. Koizumi declared the importance of active participation in so-called 'war on terror', so that Japan contributes to the 'global society' as the 'responsible subject'. In Neo-liberalisation every individual is compulsorily interwoven into global society which is materialized upon the free market. In this 'free' society, by contraries, sovereignty over the world is strengthened for the sake of secured market. Japanese public is forced to act as 'responsible subject' to accomplish the global duty. I will show that a path to 'global society' to which Koizumi delivers Japanese public could be a path to Neo-liberal turn.