BROWN BAG TALK

Pacific Cosmopolitans: A Cultural History of US-Japan Relations

Talk & Q&A with Dr. Michael Auslin
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Thursday, September 22, 2011
12:00 – 1:00 P.M.

Japan-America Society of Washington DC
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Join us on Thursday, September 22, for a brown bag talk with Michael Auslin as he discusses with JASW members and friends about the cultural history of the US-Japan relations. Few relationships can match the depth, or importance, of the cultural ties between America and Japan over the past one hundred fifty years.

The book, Pacific Cosmopolitans, is a wonderful account of the history of cultural exchange between Americans and Japanese. Dr. Auslin describes an interesting story of how the ‘Pacific Cosmopolitans,’ who promoted cultural understanding and interaction between the two countries, stayed with their desire to keep the bridge between the two countries intact, even in periods of geopolitical tension or economic friction. The book is of real value for its sophisticated discussion of strategic, economic, and especially cultural dimensions of U.S.-Japan relations, which are also relevant to other bilateral relationships in the world.

Michael Auslin, AEI’s director of Japan Studies, was an associate professor of history and senior research fellow at the MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies at Yale University prior to joining AEI. A frequent commentator in U.S. and foreign media, Auslin is also a columnist for the Wall Street Journal. His writings on Asia and Japan include the book Pacific Cosmopolitans: A Cultural History of U.S.-Japan Relations and the report Security in the Indo-Pacific Commons: Toward a Regional Strategy. He has been named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum, a Marshall Memorial Fellow by the German Marshall Fund, and a Fulbright and Japan Foundation Scholar.

Pacific Cosmopolitans: A Cultural History of U.S. – Japan Relations will be available for purchase at the event for $45. Please let us know if you will be interested in purchasing a copy.

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