

**Open Access Books about Japan**  
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**A few notes:**

[ANU Press](#) also has a few other Japan-related titles, some already in this list. All of its publications are open access.

The [University of Michigan Press has a number of OA books focused on Japan](#) and is currently growing their list.

The [Metropolitan Museum of Art](#) has also made a number of its out-of-print exhibition catalogs, including more than fifty on Japanese art, free to download.

***Intimate Disconnections: Divorce and the Romance of Independence in Contemporary Japan***

Allison Alexy

University of Chicago Press, open access through TOME

<https://bibliopen.org/p/bopen/9780226701004>

***Intimate Japan: Ethnographies of Closeness and Conflict***

edited by Allison Alexy and Emma E. Cook

University of Hawai'i Press, open access through Knowledge Unlatched

<https://library.oapen.org/handle/20.500.12657/25933>

***Confucianisms for a Changing World Cultural Order***

Edited by Roger T. Ames and Peter D. Hershock

University of Hawai'i Press

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctv3zp05k>

***Violets between Cherry Blossoms: The Diffusion of Classical Motifs to the East***

P.L.W. Arts

Leiden University Press

<https://library.oapen.org/handle/20.500.12657/32877>

***Transnational Japan in the Global Environmental Movement***

Simon Avenell

University of Hawai'i Press, open access through Knowledge Unlatched

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt1wn0qwk>

***The Uncanny Child in Transnational Cinema: Ghosts of Futurity at the Turn of the Twenty-first Century***

Jessica Balanzategui  
Amsterdam University Press  
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctv80cc7v>

***The Tools of Owatsumi: Japan's Ocean Surveillance and Coastal Defence Capabilities***

Desmond Ball and Richard Tanter  
Australian National University Press  
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt13wwwvt>

***Intellectual Property in the Global Arena: Jurisdiction, Applicable Law, and the Recognition of Judgments in Europe, Japan and the US***

Edited by Jürgen Basedow, Toshiyuki Kono and Axel Metzger  
Mohr Siebeck  
[https://www.mohrsiebeck.com/en/book/intellectual-property-in-the-global-arena-9783161512964?no\\_cache=1](https://www.mohrsiebeck.com/en/book/intellectual-property-in-the-global-arena-9783161512964?no_cache=1)

***Mixed Member Electoral Systems in Constitutional Context: Taiwan, Japan, and Beyond***

Edited by Nathan F. Batto, Chi Huang, Alexander C. Tan, and Gary W. Cox  
University of Michigan Press, open access through Knowledge Unlatched  
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt1gk08h7>

***Geopolitics by Other Means: The Indo-Pacific Reality***

Edited by Axel Berkofsky and Sergio Miracola  
ISPI  
[https://www.ispionline.it/sites/default/files/pubblicazioni/indo-pacific\\_web\\_2.pdf](https://www.ispionline.it/sites/default/files/pubblicazioni/indo-pacific_web_2.pdf)

***What Is a Family?: Answers from Early Modern Japan***

Edited by Mary Elizabeth Berry and Marcia Yonemoto  
University of California Press, open access through luminos  
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctvr7fdd1>

***Multiregionalism and Multilateralism: Asian-European Relations in a Global Context***

Edited by Sebastian Bersick, Wim Stokhof, Paul van der Velde, Benedikt Seemann  
Amsterdam University Press  
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt45kcmv>

***Institutional Change in Japan***

Edited by Magnus Blomstrom and Sumner La Croix  
Routledge  
<https://www.taylorfrancis.com/books/e/9780203968819>

***The Other Women's Lib: Gender and Body in Japanese Women's Fiction***

Julia C. Bullock

University of Hawai'i Press, open access through Knowledge Unlatched  
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt6wqcz0>

***Rethinking Japanese Feminisms***

Edited by Julia C. Bullock, Ayako Kano, and James Welker  
University of Hawai'i Press, open access through Knowledge Unlatched  
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctv3zp07j>

***Sacred Men: Law, Torture, and Retribution in Guam***

Keith Camacho  
Duke University Press  
<https://muse.jhu.edu/book/71933>

***Anti Japan: The Politics of Sentiment in Postcolonial East Asia***

Leo T.S. Ching  
Duke University Press, open access through TOME  
<https://library.oapen.org/handle/20.500.12657/24900>

***Cultivating Femininity: Women and Tea Culture in Edo and Meiji Japan***

Rebecca Corbett  
University of Hawai'i Press, open access through Knowledge Unlatched  
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctv3zp062>

***Consuming Life in Post Bubble Japan: A Transdisciplinary Perspective***

Edited by Katarzyna J. Cwiertka, Ewa Machotka  
University of Amsterdam Press  
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctv56fgjm>

***A Bowl for a Coin: A Commodity History of Japanese Tea***

by William Wayne Farris  
University of Hawai'i Press, open access through Knowledge Unlatched  
<https://www.degruyter.com/view/title/580815?language=en>

***Child's Play: Multi-Sensory Histories of Children and Childhood in Japan***

Edited by Sabine Frühstück and Anne Walthall  
University of California Press, open access through Luminos  
<https://www.luminosoa.org/site/books/e/10.1525/luminos.40/>

***Robotics in Germany and Japan: Philosophical and Technical Perspectives***

Edited by Michael Funk and Bernhard Irrgang  
Peter Lang  
<https://www.peterlang.com/view/title/14056>

***Japan's China Policy: A Relational Power Analysis***

Linus Hagström

Routledge

<https://www.taylorfrancis.com/books/9780203023792>

***Cities, Autonomy, and Decentralization in Japan***

Edited by Carola Hein, Philippe Pelletier

Routledge

<https://www.taylorfrancis.com/books/9780203358498>

***Japanese Media Cultures in Japan and Abroad: Transnational Consumption of Manga, Anime, and Media-Mixes***

Edited by Manuel Hernández-Pérez

MDPI

<https://www.mdpi.com/books/pdfview/book/1386>

***Figures of the World: The Naturalist Novel and Transnational Form***

Christopher Hill

Northwestern University Press, open access through TOME

<https://deepblue.lib.umich.edu/bitstream/handle/2027.42/156043/Hill-Figures%20of%20the%20World.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y>

***Housing and Social Transition in Japan***

Edited by Yosuke Hirayama and Richard Ronald

Routledge

<https://www.taylorfrancis.com/books/e/9780203967423>

***Japan Through the Lens of the Tokyo Olympics***

Edited By Barbara Holthus, Isaac Gagné, Wolfram Manzenreiter, Franz Waldenberger

Routledge

<https://www.taylorfrancis.com/books/e/9781003033905>

***Contested Governance in Japan: Sites and Issues***

Glenn D. Hook

Routledge

<https://www.taylorfrancis.com/books/9780203015384>

***Institutional and Technological Change in Japan's Economy: Past and Present***

Edited by Janet Hunter and Cornelia Storz

Routledge

<https://www.taylorfrancis.com/books/e/9780203028018>

***Japan's Subnational Governments in International Affairs***

Purnendra Jain

Routledge

<https://www.taylorfrancis.com/books/9780203413906>

***Beyond the Limits to Growth: New Ideas for Sustainability from Japan***

Hiroshi Komiyama

Springer

<https://www.springer.com/gp/book/9784431545583>

***Atomic Assurance: The Alliance Politics of Nuclear Proliferation***

Alexander Lanoszka

Cornell University Press

<https://cornellopen.org/9781501729188/atomic-assurance/>

***Revolution Goes East: Imperial Japan and Soviet Communism***

Tatiana Linkhoeva

Cornell University Press, open access through TOME

<https://www.cornellpress.cornell.edu/book/9781501748097/revolution-goes-east/#bookTabs=1>

***The Making of Japanese Settler Colonialism: Malthusianism and Trans-Pacific Migration, 1868–1961***

Sidney Xu Lu

Cambridge University Press

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/making-of-japanese-settler-colonialism/644DFDA740495E1C2D49B20CCF914418>

***Placing Empire: Travel and the Social Imagination in Imperial Japan***

Kate McDonald

University of California Press

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.1525/j.ctt1w8h288>

***Under the Shadow of the Rising Sun: Japan and the Jews during the Holocaust Era***

Meron Medzini

Academic Studies Press, open access through Knowledge Unlatched

<https://www.degruyter.com/view/title/573031>

***Pacific Exposures: Photography and the Australia–Japan Relationship***

Melissa Miles and Robin Gerster

Australian National University Press

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctv9hj8jz>

***Agricultural and Forestry Reconstruction After the Great East Japan Earthquake: Tsunami, Radioactive, and Reputational Damages***

Edited by Toshiyuki Monma, Itsuo Goto, Takahisa Hayashi, Hidekiyo Tachiya, and Kanju Ohsawa  
Springer  
<https://www.springer.com/gp/book/9784431555575>

***Japan's Failed Revolution: Koizumi and the Politics of Economic Reform***

Aurelia George Mulgan  
Australian National University Press  
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt31ngnn>

***Power and Pork: A Japanese Political Life***

Aurelia George Mulgan  
Australian National University Press  
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt2bjbf8>

***Footprints in Paradise: Ethnography of Ecotourism, Local Knowledge and Nature Therapies in Okinawa***

Andrea E. Murray  
Berghahn Books, open access through KKnowledge Unlatched  
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt1ws7wk4>

***Japan's Future in East Asia and the Pacific***

Edited by Mari Pangestu and Ligang Song  
Australian National University Press  
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt24h334>

***Japanese Reflections on WWII and American Occupation***

Edgar A. Porter and Ran Ying Porter  
Amsterdam University Press  
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt1pk3jj7>

***The Invasion of the Dutch East Indies***

Willem Remmelink  
Leiden University Press  
<https://openaccess.leidenuniv.nl/handle/1887/35184>

***Dilemmas of Adulthood: Japanese Women and the Nuances of Long-Term Resistance***

Nancy Rosenberger  
University of Hawai'i Press, open access through Knowledge Unlatched  
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctvvn5bm>

***The History Problem: The Politics of War Commemoration in East Asia***

Hiro Saito

University of Hawai'i Press  
<https://www.degruyter.com/view/title/531004>

***Alegal: Biopolitics and the Unintelligibility of Okinawan Life***

Annmaria M. Shimabuku  
Fordham University Press  
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctv75db00>

***Bridging Australia and Japan: The Writings of David Sissons, Historian and Political Scientist***

Edited by Arthur Stockwin and Keiko Tamura  
Australian National University Press  
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt1q1crmh>

***Small Firms and Innovation Policy in Japan***

Edited by Cornelia Storz  
Routledge  
<https://www.taylorfrancis.com/books/e/9780203027899>

***Michi's Memories: The Story of a Japanese War Bride***

Keiko Tamura  
Australian National University Press  
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt24h3w7>

***Learning from Fukushima: Nuclear Power in East Asia***

Edited by Peter Van Ness and Mel Gurtov  
Australian National University Press  
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt1ws7wjm>

***Holocaust Denial: The Politics of Perfidy***

Robert S. Wistrich  
The Hebrew University Magnes Press  
<https://www.degruyter.com/view/title/124541>

***Imperial Genus: The Formation and Limits of the Human in Modern Korea and Japan***

Travis Workman  
University of California Press, open access through Luminos  
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.1525/j.ctt1ffjnb3>

***Reimagining Japan after Fukushima***

Tamaki Mihic  
Australian National University Press  
<https://press.anu.edu.au/publications/series/asian-studies/re-imagining-japan-after-fukushima>

***Reconsidering Cultural Heritage in East Asia***

Edited by Akira Matsuda & Luisa Elena Mengoni

Ubiquity Press

<https://www.ubiquitypress.com/site/books/e/10.5334/baz/>