



Legislative building in Kyoto, Japan c. 1970. The banner reads "apply the constitution in daily life".

# WHAT WAS THE REAL POST-WAR JAPANESE MODEL?

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In this presentation, I will examine both cultural and economic nationalism and their roles in modernization of Japan. Historically, Japan was not colonized by western powers, but China was. Why? It is said, Japan accepted modernization thoroughly, including constitution and parliament, but China just bought western weapons. Was this the most important difference between the two?

I will show how, 10 years after Meiji restoration, Japan had a civil war called "the Satsuma rebellion", that influenced Japan heavily until the end of the Second World War. After it, Japan succeeded in its high-growth strategy and became rich. What is the Japanese model? Some attribute Japanese success to its free market economy (compared with eastern bloc). Others to its industrial policies (compared with another western economies). Which one is true? I will show, it is not market vs government in Japan, but national economics vs dual structure. I will also show the role of Marxists in devising it. Finally, I will suggest losing both cultural and economic nationalism, is the problem of current Japan.

This presentation will use thoughts of H.Treitschke, G.Schmoller, M.Weber, J.Plenge, H.Nicklisch, T.Ninagawa, M.Maruyama.

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