

Future War Tales in Nineteenth Century Japan

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Date and Time

Friday 09th of Oct, 13:00-14:30

Venue

Zoom: <https://aarhusuniversity.zoom.us/j/66670858480>

Join this seminar on future war tales in Japan

Dr. Daliot-Bul will take you back to the future as it was imagined over a hundred years ago, in stories written by Japanese authors and visionaries who grew up in an age defined by imperialism and deep faith in scientific enlightenment, technological progress and military might. She will begin by explaining how these stories mirror similar stories written at the time in Europe and the United States. She will then show how these stories give us unique glimpses into the cultural salons of Japan's elite during the Meiji period and into the existential geo-political dilemmas that were discussed there. Specifically Daliot-Bul will explore what can be learned from these futuristic war tales about Pan-Asianism before the word was even coined, and about Japan's perceived role vis-à-vis the rampant western imperialism in Asia.

Speaker



Dr. Michal (Miki) Daliot-Bul is a cultural researcher focusing on modern Japan. She is a senior lecturer in the Department of Asian Studies at the University of Haifa, which she headed between 2014 and 2017. Her research interests include the cultural structuring and meanings of play, gamification and late modernity, youth popular cultures and countercultures, media culture and society in late consumer culture, and media in the local-global nexus. Her most recent research focuses on science fiction as socio-political and philosophical commentary.

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