



THE POLITICS OF THE FAR-RIGHT IN JAPAN

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15:00

Mirza Redžić
Far-right in the Far East: A View from the Balkans

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Jasmina Gavrankapetanović-Redžić
Artistic and Cultural Preferences of the Far-right

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Yoojin Koo
Conservative Movements and Immigration Politics in Japan

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Naoto Higuchi
The Phantom at the Opera: Migration Policies and Far-right Politics in Japan

17:00

Break

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Discussions

PROFILES OF PANELISTS

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