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## "The Politics of Historical Narrative in Post-War Korea."

This talk will examine the deployment of varying historical narratives within the political struggles in post-war South Korea. Such struggles focused around alternate legitimating narratives in the Cold War period and were influenced by the existence of a power counter narrative in North Korea.



In the 1980s it was the successful transformation of the national subject in Minjung narratives that decisively challenged authoritarian politics and led to the current era of democratization. And historical narratives remain a potent weapon within political discourse as evidenced by the continuation of controversy over how to represent the Korean War and the issue of collaboration during the colonial period.

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