

East Asian and Pacific Histories from the Perspective of the Unequal Treaties

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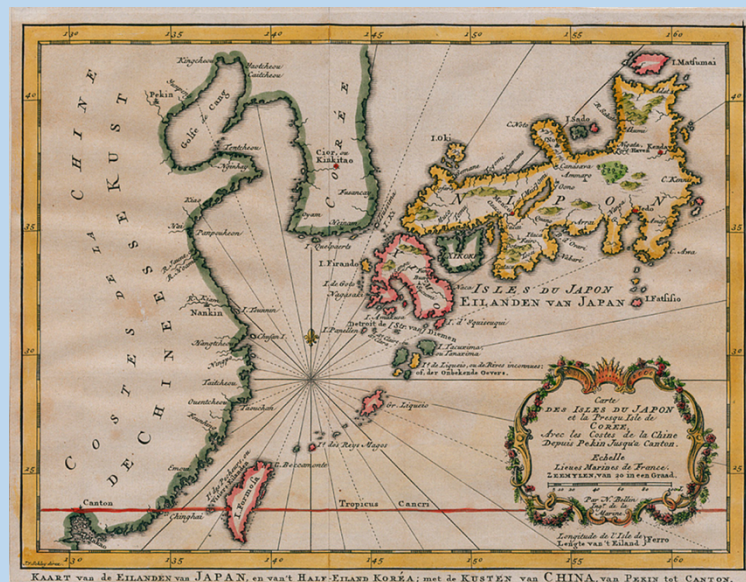
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Abstract: The compact/treaty that the Ryukyu Kingdom signed with the US government in 1854 was crucial for understanding cooperation between the US and Japanese governments when the latter annexed the Ryukyu Islands in 1879 (an episode known as the Ryukyu shobun). This presentation explores how Japan–US negotiations over treaty rights facilitated Japan’s ambitions in the Ryukyus, the Ogasawara Islands, and Korea, as well as their confrontation when the US annexed the Kingdom of Hawai’i and when Japan obtained a Class C Mandate on the South Pacific Islands. By the early twentieth century, these two powers had mutually accepted each other’s territorial acquisitions and, in so doing, built their own empires and brought stability to East Asia and the Pacific. By reviewing the informal agreement between Japan and the US during the annexation of the Ryukyus, we can better appreciate how the Ryukyu shobun set the stage for later events.



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