Quarantine, masks and dis/ease: social discourses of COVID-19 in Japan and Korea

In this webinar, four researchers from the Asia Institute examine particular cases from Japan and Korea in order to explore how the discursive construction of COVID-19 and the social disruptions it has caused have opened space for the evaluation and re-evaluation of trends and practices within society.

The discussion covers pandemic-induced reconfigurations of hygiene, desire, personal identity, national character, political agendas and social movements.

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