

Asian Robots & Orientalism

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This talk examines aspects of the history of East Asian robots and Orientalism from the early modern period to the present, including the image of the automaton in western Orientalist views of Asian societies, the influences of Asian and especially Japanese cultural traditions on Asian approaches to robots, and ways in which certain depictions of robots in contemporary Japanese popular culture can be interpreted in terms of a counter-Orientalist narrative on technology.