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1940-1950

Amazingly little has been published on fascism in Korea. This talk presents an initial examination of the direct relations between Germany, Japan, and Korea, the right-wing Korean youth movement and fascist culture, and discusses how late colonial-era fascist ideology and organizational structures were extended in post-liberation Korea through US support, which helped force the onslaught of Cold War conflict.



Korean volunteer soldiers, Imperial Japanese Army training camp near Seoul, 1939.

Still shot from the film *Das neue Asien* by Colin Ross.



Fall 1946. The Seoul Metropolitan Police, headed by fascist Chang Taek-sang, halted three students and tied their wrists with twine. The mother of one of the students tears off her bodice, screams and pleads with police.

Photo: Mark Gayn



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