

Building a 'Kingdom of God' in the Pacific

The YMCA in the Age of American Imperial Expansion



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Following the Meiji Restoration, American missionaries began arriving in Japan eager to establish what they referred to as a “Kingdom of God on Earth.” This lecture will focus on the lives and experiences of two of these missionaries — **Jerome Davis, co-founder of Doshisha University**, and his son, **John Merle Davis, Director of the Tokyo YMCA**. Although American foreign missionaries actively supported and benefited from US and Japanese imperial expansion, their support for these ambitions waned in the years following World War I. This lecture explores the intellectual, social, and political forces that encouraged these shifts and asks to what extent they reflected broader changes in the American missionary movement prior to World War II.

The lecture is followed by a discussion session. Attendees are welcomed to (but not required to) share their research interests.