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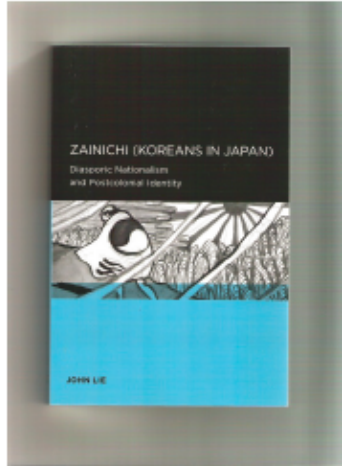
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"Misrecognition, Disrecognition, Recognition: The Case of Zainichi (Koreans in Japan)"

Wednesday, November 10, 5:00-6:30 pm. Literature Building Room 155 (deCerteau)

Lie's talk will trace the trajectory of Zainichi identity in post-World War II Japanese society. From Japanese imperial subjects, ethnic Koreans who remained in the Japanese archipelago after 1945 became postcolonial exiles, who in turn were torn between conflicting loyalties to the two Koreas. Unable either to return to their putative homeland or to embrace Japan as the new homeland, ethnic Koreans faced a society that systematically disrecognized them. From the dark decades of the 1950s and 1960s emerged the beginnings of a new social identity qua Zainichi, a form of diasporic nationalism.

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