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The US in the Making of South Korean Militarism (1945-1961)

Militarism has been deeply intertwined with Korean history and South Korean economic development, especially under the government of Park Chung Hee, who seized political control of the country in an army coup in 1961 and remained in power until his assassination in 1979. In his ongoing project *Park Chung Hee and Modern Korea*, the first volume of which, *The Roots of Militarism 1866-1945*, was published by Harvard University Press in 2016, Carter J. Eckert links South Korean militarism to the culture and practices of the Japanese-controlled Manchukuo Army, in which Park served in the 1940s. In this lecture Eckert discusses his work on the second volume of the project and the ways in which militarism was reinforced and reconfigured in the Republic of Korea Army and South Korea in the 1950s under American hegemony, providing a broad and accommodating historical context for Park's coup in 1961.

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