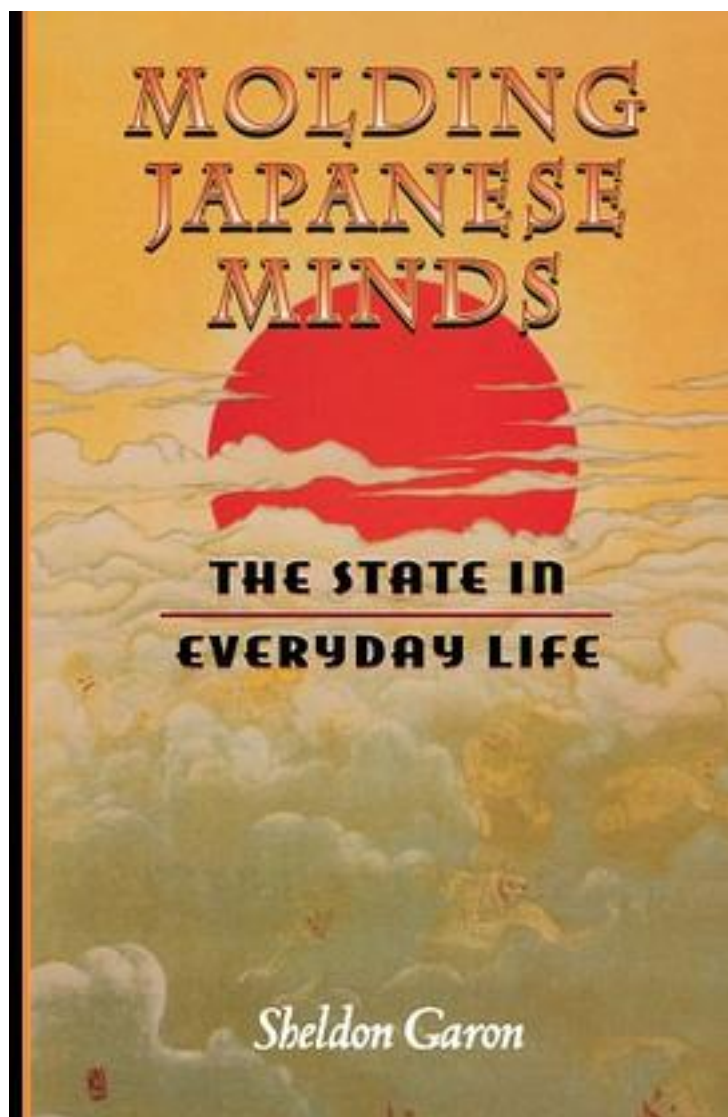


Molding Japanese Minds



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How has the Japanese government persuaded its citizens to save substantial portions of their incomes? And to care for the elderly within the family? How did the public come to support legalized prostitution as in the national interest? What roles have women's groups played in Japan's "economic miracle"? What actually unites the Japanese to achieve so many economic and social goals that have eluded other polities? Here Sheldon Garon helps us to understand this mobilizing spirit as he taps into the intimate relationships everyday Japanese have with their government. To an extent inconceivable to most Westerners, state directives trickle into homes, religious groups, and even into individuals' sex lives, where they are frequently welcomed by the Japanese and reinforced by their neighbors. In a series of five compelling case studies, Garon demonstrates how average citizens have cooperated with government officials in the areas of welfare, prostitution, and household savings, and in controlling religious "cults" and promoting the political participation of women. The state's success in creating a nation of activists began before World War II, and has hinged on campaigns that mobilize the people behind various policies and encourage their involvement at the local level. For example, neighborhoods have been socially managed on a volunteer basis by small-business owners and housewives, who strive to rid their locales of indolence and to contain welfare costs. The story behind the state regulation of prostitution is a more turbulent one in which many lauded the flourishing brothels for preserving Japanese tradition and strengthening the "family system," while others condemned the sexual enslavement of young women. In each case, we see Japanese citizens working closely with the state to recreate "community" and shape the thought and behavior of fellow citizens. The policies often originate at the top, but in the hands of activists they take on added vigor. This phenomenon, which challenges the conventional dichotomy of the "state" versus the "people," is well worth exploring as Western governments consider how best to manage their own changing societies.

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A tad bit boring.....

细致丰富地利用日本社保、宗教、gender equality、prostitution regulation的cases，阐述官民高度、有机、弹性合作的"social management"演进史的作品~不过semi上一句没讲，因为观察对日本毫无实感的美国同学讨论此书太喜感~

学术水平虽然高，但是却无法认识到其他问题意识、学术方法的价值所在。学者知识广博、思维犀利，但是为人太刻薄，对其他学者和学生都是如此。是为反例。

neat structure and good case studies.
但从经典state-society关系出发做日本语境下的修正，觉得还是解释力不够。

研究現代日本社會不可不讀的經典著作。

比较有用。。

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翻过…… 想起周飞舟老师发展社会学讲的权力下乡的问题。state—society的关系。

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