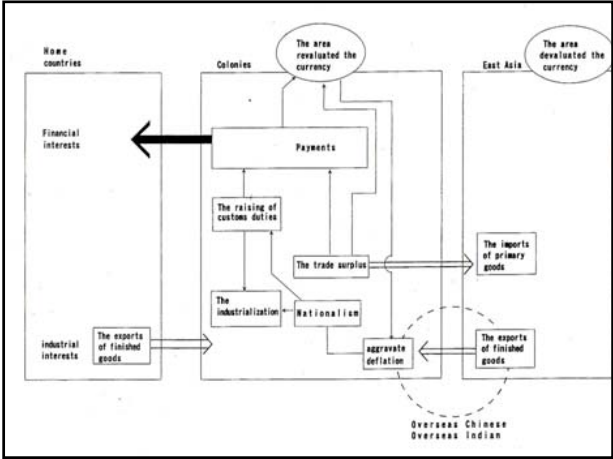


International Order of Asia in the 1950s and the Colombo Plan

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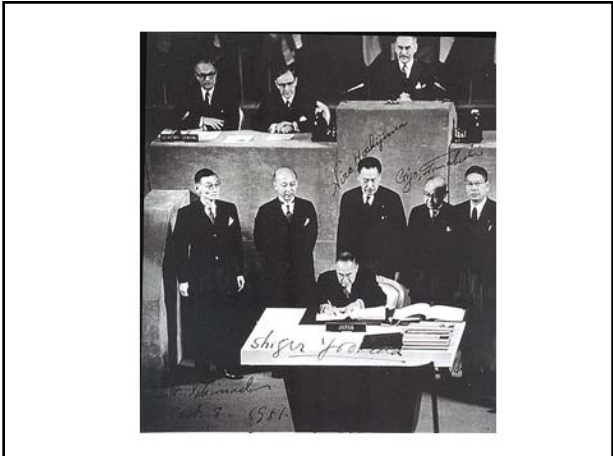
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1. Recent Historiographical Developments: intra-Asian trade and 'Gentlemanly capitalism'
2. Joint-research Project on the 1930s and 1950s
 - (1) the sterling area and Asian industrialization
 - (2) inter-regional trade in Asia
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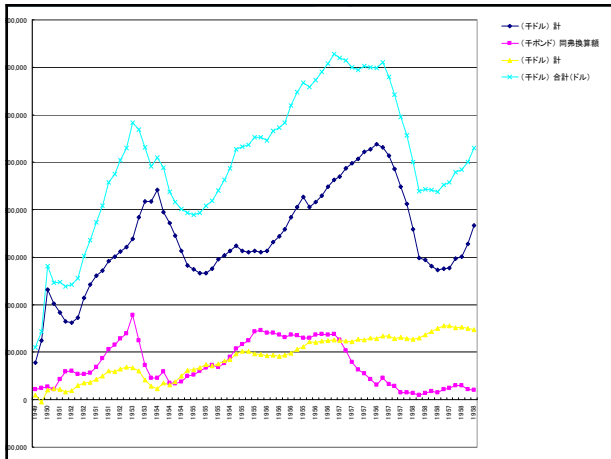
Reconsideration of the 1950s

- The Sterling Payments Agreement with Japan (1951-57)
- Economic recovery of Japan and the Colombo Plan
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II. Interdependence of Japan and the Sterling Area

- Source of cheap consumer goods for the developing sterling area countries in Asia--- textiles
- Export market of primary products: raw cotton (Pakistan), barley (Australia), iron ore (Malaya)
- Sterling as an international currency
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III. Historical origins of 'Open-regionalism'

1. From East Asia to 'Southeast Asia': 'the workshop of Asia'
2. US hegemony and the Colombo Plan
3. Revival of intra-Asian trading network and China after 1979