## **Comparative Asian Research Network**

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## Playboy, Japanese Publishers, and the Emergence of Men's Magazines in 1960s Japan



All are Welcome!!

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(Talk & Q&A Session)

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In the 1960s in Japan, popular magazines targeting men appeared for the first time in the mainstream. Sometimes called "holistic men's magazines" (*sōgō dansei zasshi*) or "men's weekly magazines" (*dansei shūkan zasshi*), these magazines became an overnight sensation. During this shift to address men, Japanese publishers had initially looked to Playboy magazine (1953) as a model of men's print entertainment. For this talk I will be looking at Playboy's influence on the creative inspiration behind three of Japan's most popular men's magazines: *Weekly Modern* (1959), *Heibon Punch* (1964), and *Weekly Playboy* (1966).

No registration necessary.

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