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Biography

Dr. Michael Weiner is Associate Dean of Faculty and Professor of East Asian History and International Studies at Soka University of America (SUA). His previous positions include Professor and Chair of Asian Studies at San Diego State University, and Reader in Japanese at the University of Sheffield, UK. He received his B.A. from Sophia University, Tokyo, and his Ph.D. from the University of Sheffield, UK. Dr. Weiner is the author of numerous books and more than thirty peer-reviewed journal articles. He has also appeared in the media (newspaper, radio, television) in Japan, Great Britain, and the United States. His current research interests include the history of medicine in Japan with particular reference to the social history of leprosy and leprosy control. He is the co-author of a chapter comparing disease control in modernizing states (Chile and Japan), which appears in *The Pacific Basin: An Introduction* (2017), which he also co-edited. Dr. Weiner has recently been commissioned to edit a Routledge Handbook, *Race and Ethnicity in Asia*, which will involve collaboration with thirty scholars from North America, Europe, Asia, Australia, and Oceania. He is a Taylor & Francis Routledge *Featured Author*.

Industry Expertise

Research

Areas of Expertise

Economic and Social History of Modern Japan, Japan's Minorities, Race, Ethnicity and Migration in Modern and Imperial Japan

Affiliations

Economic and Social Research Council, Pacific Asia Initiative, British Academy, Japan Foundation (multiple), Japan. Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation, Japanese Ministry of Education

Education

University of Sheffield, UK

Ph.D. Modern Japanese History

Sophia University, Tokyo

B.A. Chinese History and Sociology

Accomplishments

Grants and Fellowships

Dr. Weiner is the recipient of multiple grants and fellowships, including those from the British Academy, the Economic and Social Research Council, the Japan Foundation, Sasakawa Foundation, Japan Ministry of Education, Harvard, H?sei and Hokkaido Universities.

Awards and Recognition

He has also held visiting professorships at University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and Dartmouth College. Dr. Weiner is the former Managing Editor of Japan Forum, currently serves on the editorial boards of several professional journals and as external examiner for universities in the United States, Europe and Australia. He has been awarded Professor of the Year at two universities: San Diego State University (2005); and Soka University of America (2006).

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