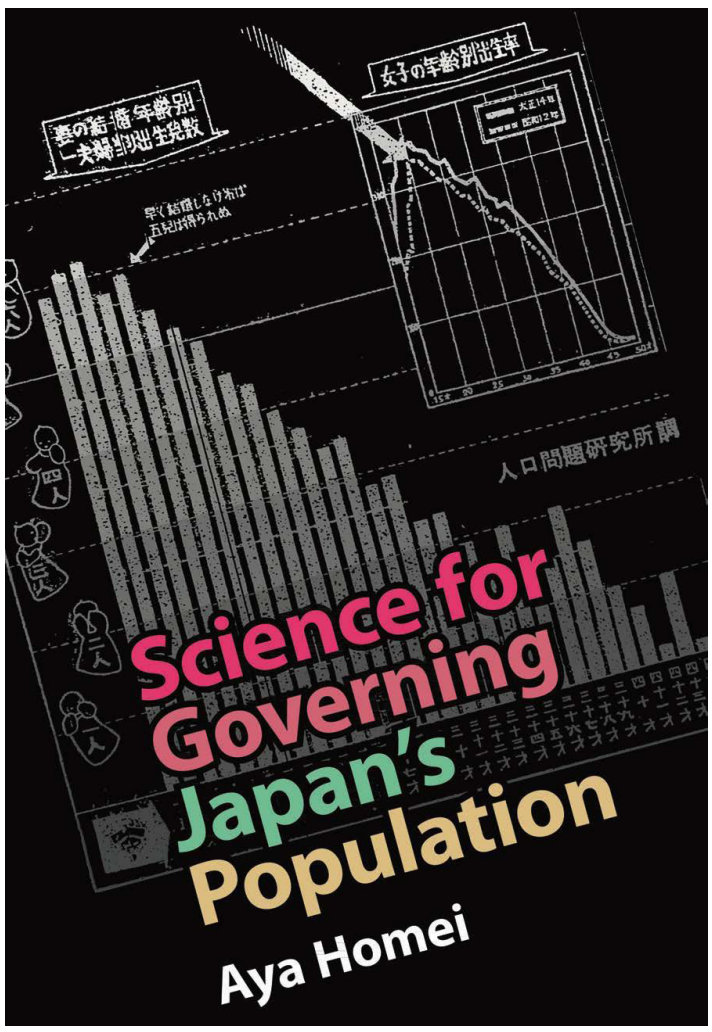
Book presentation

Science for Governing Japan's Population

Aya Homei (University of Manchester)

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Twenty-first-century Japan is known for the world's most aged population. Faced with this challenge, Japan has been a pioneer in using science to find ways of managing a declining birth rate. Aya Homei's *Science for Governing Japan's Population* (Cambridge University Press, 2022) considers the question of why these population phenomena have been seen as problematic. What roles have population experts played in turning this demographic trend into a government concern? Homei examines the medico-scientific fields around the notion of population that developed in Japan from the 1860s to the 1960s. She argues that the formation of population sciences in modern Japan had a symbiotic relationship with the development of the neologism, "population" (*jinkô*), and with the transformation of Japan into a modern sovereign power.

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