

JAPANESE AMERICAN WWII FORCED REMOVAL AND GERMAN
AND U.S. REFUGEE POLICIES IN THE ERA OF PRESIDENT TRUMP

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In the context of heightened nationalism and misogyny, making global connections between and within struggles is imperative. In her forthcoming book, *Race, Nation, War: Japanese American Forced Removal, Public Policy and National Security* (Routledge, 2019), Dr. Ayanna Yonemura connects Japanese Americans' WWII incarceration to U.S. President Donald Trump and German Chancellor Angela Merkel and their refugee policies. The controversies surrounding these leaders and their policies demonstrate that gender ideologies and the ideas of Euro-American cultural superiority which impacted Japanese Americans' liberty persist today. Paradoxically, human rights discourse is central to 21st century U.S. and German national identities and to narratives which depict these countries as superior to non-Euro-American and non-Christian refugees, yet as the power of overtly racist politicians has increased, national narratives have exposed European and American contradictions.



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