The immediate aftermath of the Second World War brought to a climax the efforts of the most ambitious cosmopolitans to gather support for the establishment of some form of world state or federation that would subject national sovereignty to unprecedented limits. After setting a global context for a resurgence in globalist ambitions in the early postwar period, this talk will explore the way Japanese intellectuals, politicians, and activists of sometimes very differing backgrounds adapted some of their pre-war and wartime visions to a new postwar environment.

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