

EAJRS 2023: Adapting to Changing Trends in Japanese Studies

Re-envisioning Constitutional Revision in Japan

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Change is the Only Constant

- Changes in technology
- Changes within academia
- Changes within libraries
- Changes within Japan

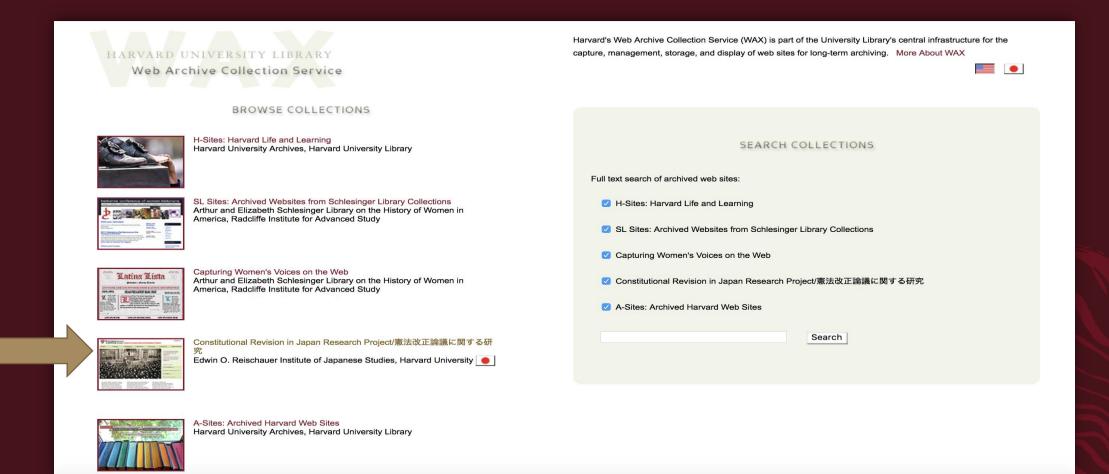


Constitutional Revision in Japan

2005-2023



Harvard's Web Archive Collections Service - WAX





3 Web Archiving Platforms

• Teleport: 2005 - 2007

• Harvard's WAX: 2007 - 2016

• Archive It: 2017 - 2019

Scope of Web Archiving



- Business Groups
- Government Organizations
- Labor Groups
- Legal Organizations
- Mass Media
- National Citizens' Groups
- Political Parties and Individual Politicians
- Religious Groups
- Research Institutes and Intellectuals
- Student Groups
- Veterans Groups
- Women's Groups



The Issues Included in the Debates

- Can a female be emperor?
- The emperor's abdication of the throne
- Various rights and duties of citizens
- The structure of government
- Gender equality in marriage
- Freedom of religion
- And more

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Challenges



- Increasing cost and scope of web archiving
- Loss of bilingual metadata with migration
- Poor search functionality for Japanese
- Teleport data was unusable



Constitutional Revision in Japan

https://www.crjapan.org

Fundamentals



- Technology
 - Built on Drupal and React Sustainable and simple to scale
- User Needs
 - Bilingual Focus Japanese with English translations
 - Array of Scholars
 - Student instruction



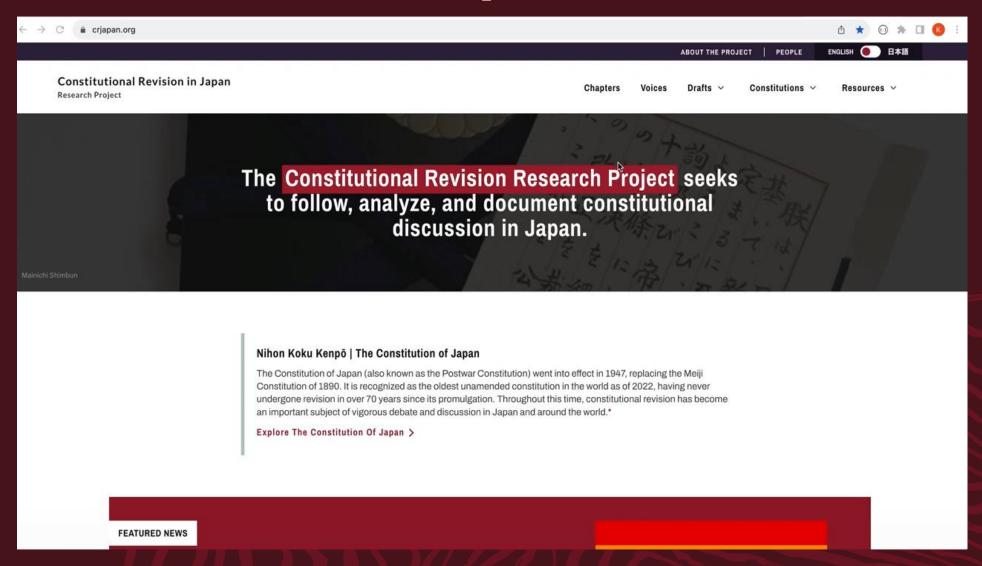
Library Evolution

Knowledge Collection

Knowledge Curation

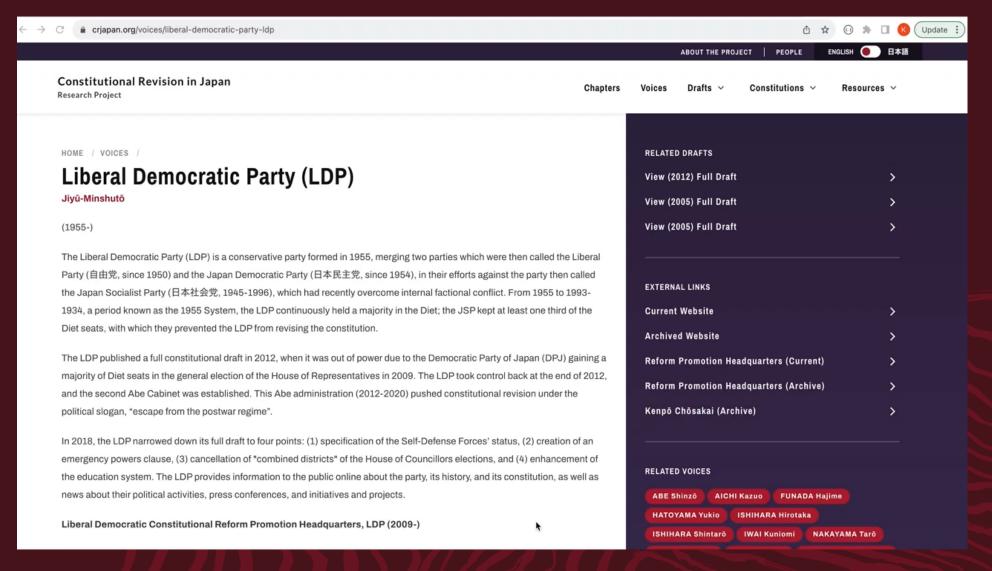
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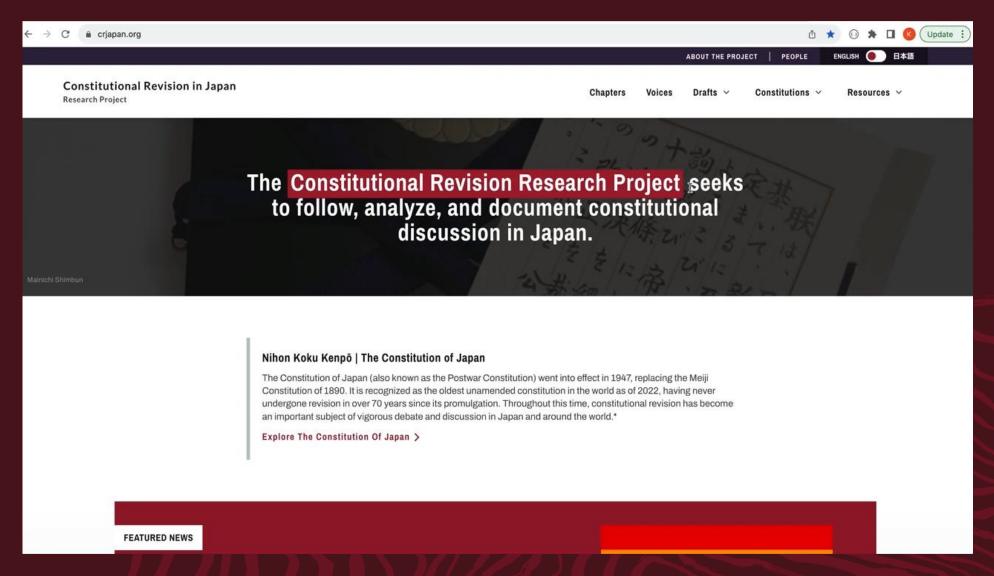
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Drafts





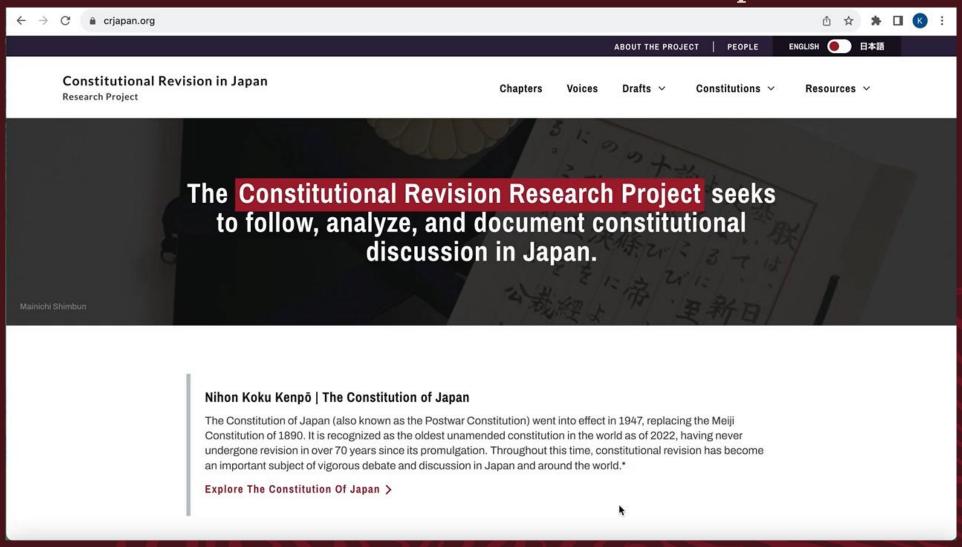
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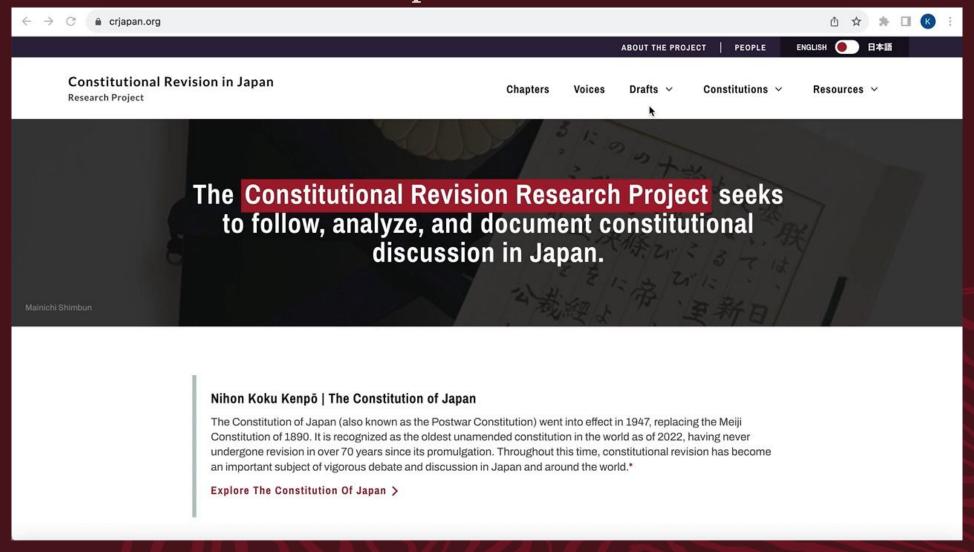
Interactive Constitution of Japan





Compare Articles





Meiji Constitution



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第1章 天皇

第1条

大日本帝国八万世一系ノ天皇之ヲ統治ス

第2条

皇位八皇室典範ノ定ムル所ニ依リ皇男子孫之ヲ継承ス

関連する草案

松本丞治 (私案): 松本丞治 (甲案) (1946) 松本丞治 (乙案) (1946)

第5条

天皇ハ帝国議会ノ協賛ヲ以テ立法権ヲ行フ

Outcomes



- Better prepared for the future
- Greater awareness of capacity and limits
- Ready for the next challenge



Thank You!

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