

Uneven Moments: Reflections on Japan's Modern History By Harry Harootunian Uneven Moments presents a selection of Harootunian's essays on Japan's intellectual and cultural history from the late Tokugawa period to the present that span the many phases of his distinguished career and point to new directions for Japanese studies. Harootunian considers Japan's fateful encounter with capitalist modernity and the implications of uneven development.



Few scholars have done more than Harry Harootunian to shape the study of modern Japan. Exploring the shifting relationship among culture the making of meaning and politics in rich reflections on Marxism and critical theory Uneven Moments presents Harootunian's intellectual trajectory and in so doing offers a unique assessment of Japanese history:

His scholarship has been vitally important for the world of Asian studies, Uneven Moments begins with reflections on area studies as an academic field and how we go about studying a region: It then moves into discussions of key topics in modern Japanese history, Incorporating Marxist critical perspectives on history and theoretically informed insights examining the combinations of older practices with new demands that characterized the twentieth century, The book examines the making of modern Japan the transformations of everyday life and the collision between the production of forms of cultural expression and new political possibilities. Finally Harootunian analyzes Japanese political identity and its forms of reckoning with the past. Uneven Moments: Reflections on Japan's Modern History.