

Abstract:

The goal of this bachelor's thesis is to analyze the change in the Japanese family in the second half of the 19th century. The first part of the thesis focuses on the impact of industrialization and its social changes on the development of family life in Japan. It explains the attitudes of prominent Japanese intellectuals that shaped the images of a modern family and its role in society. The second part of the thesis focuses on a rising conservative attitude towards society and the idealization of a close relationship between the family and the state. In conclusion, the thesis evaluates the influence of state interests in forming the Japanese family at the turn of the century and further.

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