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Bodies, Myths and Japanese Women Tea Ceremony Practitioners in Modern Times

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Started as a men's cultural activity 400 years ago, the tea ceremony in Japan is now dominated by women. What implications does this cultural practice have for women? This lecture explores the relationship between the use of body in the ceremony, historical myths that surround the ceremony and tea utensils, and women's social positions from the late 19th century to today, with special attention to the way the tea ceremony empowers women.

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