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Repetition and Recovery:

The Limits of Reason in Post 3.11 Japan

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Photos: Re-engineering of the Okinodagawa River in Kesenuma

This talk explores the manifestation of what I call the logic of repetition and recovery in post 3.11 Japan. Specifically, it looks at how the triple disasters of March 2011 have been transformed from markers of limit in the nation's pursuit of a twentieth century paradigm of economic growth and thus an urgent force of change into an instantiation of a limit in the nation's ability to change.

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