

# What the World Owes the Comfort Women

a lecture and discussion  
with historian Carol Gluck



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The practices and norms of public memory have changed in the decades since World War II creating a new “global memory culture.” The former “comfort women,” who served in Japan’s military brothels across wartime Asia, played a role in this transformation, helping to change attitudes toward sexual violence and women's rights -- helping, in short, to change the world.

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