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How Yoshitsune became Chinggis Khan (源義経はどのようにして チンギス・ハーンとなうたのか?)

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The myth of Yoshitsune has a long and enduring genealogy in Japanese historical memory, reflecting Japan's evolving historical imagination of Asia, and Japan's place within it. During the interwar period, the Yoshitsune legend became very popular, because in their longing for the traditional past and in their "revolt against the West," many in Japan turned to their indigenous myth, folklore, and historical heroes. Folklore was quickly mobilized for the needs of the empire and justified imperial Japan's expansion in Mongolia and Manchuria. The legend of Yoshtsune has to be placed within the bigger context of Japan's long-standing reconfiguration of its place vis-à-vis its neighbors in the East Asian region and later the European powers.

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