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Japan has a long, complex relationship with its neighbors in East Asia. This complexity is aggravated by Japan's history of offensive behavior toward them--colonization of Korea and aggression in to China, in particular. Throughout its post-World War II years, japan has been often criticized by its neighbors in East Asia for "not apologizing" for its wartime atrocities. However, Japanese government, led by different leaders at different times, has "apologized" for its wartime past in more than several occasions, but these "apologies" never seems to stick. Why? Tatsumi will examine this "why", and the challege that this presents for Japan's relations with Korea and China in the future.

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