Advancements in the field of science and technology and the consequent interdependence among nations and societies, together with the growing importance of non-state actors and the expanding interpenetrability of the various systems, have in reality rendered the traditional boundaries among states porus. The events that take place at the national level give rise to far reaching implications at the international level and vice versa. Hence political objectives at one level are sought to be realized by action at another level.

This is illustrated by the U.S. Occupation of Japan after World War II which aimed at putting Japan on the path of democracy and peace to ensure that it will not again become a menace to the United States or to the peace and security of the world. This study tries to probe into the dynamics of this approach and assess its relevance to present day problems. The study is divided into five chapters followed by a concluding one. Chapter I concerns with the theoretical evaluation of linkage politics approach and its elaboration through studies of conflict linkage. In addition, an attempt has been made to put the case of U.S. Occupation of Japan in the context of linkage politics. Chapter II deals with the nature of pre-World War II Japanese polity and society, and its impact on the belligerent foreign policy of Japan. In Chapter III, U.S. Occupation policy towards Japan, the organization profile of Occupation
Administration, its goals and objectives are discussed. The impact of the cold war on U.S. Occupation policies and in turn its implications for the occupied Japan is the subject matter of Chapter IV. Chapter V deals with the post-war political system of Japan as it emerged under the tutelage of U.S. Chapter VI provides a summary and tries to identify some conclusions of the study.

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