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Abstract

Kalifornien im pazifischen Zeitalter

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The article analyses economic and social aspects of the increasing orientation of California towards the Pacific. It begins with the review of volume and direction of trade between California and East Asian countries and Japan's focus on California in the field of direct investments. In the second section quantitative changes in Asian migration to California are reviewed as also the degree of assimilation and segregation of different groups of Asian immigrants. The rise in economic and educational status particularly of Chinese Americans has led to the notion of a 'white-yellow three quarter society' which will also shape the political future of California. A multi-racial, multi-cultural society with a distinctly Pacific orientation is in the making.