

The Media and How it Shapes History in East Asia



Friday 30th January 2015

- Afternoon Participants arrive at Westminster College
(Maddingley Road, Cambridge CB3 0AA, UK, Tel: 01223-330633)
- 7:00 pm Welcome Drinks in Banqueting Hall, Westminster College
7:30 pm Dinner in Banqueting Hall, Westminster College

Saturday January 31, 2015

- 8:00-9:00 *Breakfast for residential participants at Westminster College*
- 9.30-10:00 *Coffee and snacks in Healey Room*

Introductory Session (Healey Room)

- 10:00-10:15 Opening remarks and goals of conference (Barak Kushner)
- 10:15-10:30 Welcome and setting the stage for discussion (Rana Mitter)
- 10:30-10:45 Brief self-introductions around the table and breaking the ice

Saturday Session One

- 10:45-12:30 History and media - how do they work in concert or in conflict? Personal experiences from the group and getting to the heart of the question. How have journalists in the region dealt with this question as a way to move into the core issues at stake? How much direction is there from the authorities/owners/media magnates on this topic?
- 12:30-12:45 *Tea/coffee break*

Saturday Session Two

- 12:45-1.30 What are the intersections between academia and journalism? How do the two fields approach the issue of history and media? Do historians in the region get asked directly to contribute to the media? Is there a distinction between “popular”/media-friendly and “academic” history?
- 1:30-2:30 *Lunch in the Dining Hall*

Saturday Session Three

We will break into small groups for the first 45 minutes to discuss, then come back to the larger group to report on the smaller groups' conclusions and findings.

- 2:30-4:00 Why report on history in the first place?
Is it for regional reasons, politics, policy? How aware are reporters in each country of the history as understood in the other countries? (e.g. how aware are Chinese journalists of Japanese understanding and problems, public opinion diversion, etc.)
- 4:00-4:15 *Tea/coffee break*

Saturday Session Four

- 4:15-6:00 What is the perception of the situation from the scholastic side? From the journalism side? What are we missing? Does each side talk to/understand the other? How do we categorize the situation in each country – Taiwan, China, Japan and Korea? Is there a regional consensus or how about the differing views of the situation from Europe or the US?
- 6:00-6:45 *Break*

Saturday Dinner

- 6:45 Meet in lobby of Westminster College
Dinner at Corpus Christi College, Trumpington Road
(We will walk across town together as a group)
- 7:00-7:30 Drinks and mingle time
7.30 Dinner at Corpus Christi College

Sunday 1st February 2015

- 8:00-9:00 *Breakfast at Westminster College for residential participants*
- 9.30-10:00 *Coffee and snacks in Healey Room*

Sunday Session One (Healey Room)

- 10:00-11:30 A conversation on key issues.
What obstacles do journalists in the region face and what issues are they butting up against? Can academics assist in resolving dilemmas in the field, or do we exacerbate the situation? Is social pressure, censorship, or market place forces affecting the use of historical reporting in regional media? Why or why not? Do we want to raise specific case studies in investigating these topics?
- 11:30-11:45 *Tea/coffee break*

Sunday Session Two

11:45-1:00 Final wrap up.
What sort of conclusions have we reached and how would we sum up our discussions? In light of the 70th year anniversary of the end of WWII, as well as the 50th anniversary of the establishment of Korean-Japan diplomatic relations, how do we assess how the field of academia and media are reporting and analyzing the situation? Where is there room for improvement, change, or increased criticism? What have we learned? What problems have we avoided?

Conclusion

1:00-1:15 Final comments and thank you from Barak Kushner and Rana Mitter

***** Close of Formal Conference *****

Optional lunch available for those who wish to grab a relaxed bite to eat. Others are free to tour around Cambridge for a bit, do souvenir hunting, etc.

Sunday evening and Monday morning checkout for residential participants (breakfast available 8-9 a.m.) who will then make their way back to London, or home by various transport.

Please make sure to get reimbursement forms and all receipts for travel to Jill Cooper in the mail after you return:

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