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present

"Reconstruction of East Asia, 1945-1965"

International Conference

December 9-12, 2016
Westminster College, Cambridge

Conference Schedule

Day 1
December 9, Friday

All guests should arrive by late afternoon, early evening of December 9, 2016 at Westminster College, Cambridge, UK (http://www.westminster.cam.ac.uk)

All conference panels will take place in Westminster College meeting hall

7pm Drinks in Westminster College main hall, Welcome Dinner 7.30pm
Welcome address from Keidanren Professor of Japanese Studies Mickey Adolphson

Opening Remarks: Introduction to the Aims of the Conference
Dr. Barak Kushner, Reader (Associate Professor) in Japanese History, University of Cambridge
Day 2  
December 10, Saturday

Each presentation is allocated 20 minutes, followed by 30 minutes of discussion.

9-9.30am Coffee and Introductions

Panel 1: 9.30am-11:00am  
Re-establishing political legitimacy in contested areas
Chair by Dr. Jeremy Taylor, University of Nottingham

Yun Xia, Valparaiso University  
Punishing Traitors beyond Borders: Anti-hanjian campaigns beyond mainland China and the issue of jurisdiction

Mark E. Caprio, Rikkyo University  
The Politics of Collaboration in Post-Colonial South Korea, 1945-1950

Mo Tian, Australian National University  
Social Transformations of Manchuria during 1945 and 1953: Rural Class Structure, Social Industrialization and Mobilization

Coffee Break 11-11.15am

Panel 2: 11.15-12:45pm  
War Memory and National Identities
Chair by Dr. Samia Ferhat, University of Paris Ouest-Nanterre

Koga Yukiko, Hunter College  
Temple of Bones: Inheriting the Remains of the Wartime Forced Labor

Luli van der Does-Ishikawa, Independent Scholar  
Reconstructing Asia, 1945 – 65: The kamikaze, thought wars and negotiating new identities

Samuel Perry, Brown University  
The Antimonies of Writing Japan’s Korean War: Journalism, Fiction and Chang Hyŏk-chu”

Lunch - 12:45pm-2:15pm
Panel 3: 2:15pm - 3:45pm
Economics and Technology
Chair by Professor Andrew Preston, University of Cambridge

Hirata Koji, Stanford University
From the Ashes of Empire: the Reconstruction of Manchukuo’s Enterprises and the Making of China’s Northeastern Industrial Base, 1945-1952

Natalia Matveeva, Independent Researcher
Building a new world: North and South Korean economic development and the colonial legacy

Chang Chihyun, Shanghai Jiao Tong University
The Legacy and Leftover of the Chinese Maritime Customs Service in East Asia, 1950-1955

Coffee Break: 3.45-4:00pm

Panel 4: 4:00pm-5:30pm:
Postwar Movement of People and Reconstruction of Nations
Chair by Dr. Sherzod Muminov, University of Cambridge

Lan Shi-chi, National Chengchi University
Left behind “When Empire Comes Home”: Internment and Repatriation of the Taiwanese in postwar Asia-Pacific

Meredith Oyen, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
China’s Refugees: Postwar “Foreigners” and the Attempt at International Aide, 1945-1956

Lee Hyun-Kyung, Seoul National University
Reconfiguration and reconstruction of South Korea: architectural memories of the Japanese empire in Seoul and their fate in South Korean nation-building processes, 1945–65

Dinner: 7pm drinks; 7:30pm College Dinner at Trinity Hall
Day 3  
December 11, Sunday

9.30am Coffee and Introductions

Panel 5: 9.30am-11:00am  
Culture  
Chairled by Dr. Barak Kushner, University of Cambridge

Dick Stegewerns, University of Oslo  
The Cinematic Reconstruction of East Asia, 1945-1965: Depiction of the National Self and the Asian Other in Postwar Japanese War Films

Jerome De Wit, Tübingen University  
The Critique of Authoritarianism and Anti-Communism in South Korean Comics

Chin Sei-Jeong, Ewha Womans University  
War Memory, Propaganda, and the Cultural Cold War in China During the Korean War, 1950-1953

Coffee Break 11-11.15am

Panel 6: 11.15-12:45pm;  
Law and Order in (Post-)Imperial East Asia  
Chairled by Dr. Andrew Levidis, University of Cambridge

Marie S. Kim, St. Cloud State University  
Bane or Blessing: Japanese Colonial Law in Modern Korea

Park Saeyoung, Leiden University  
Immunity without sovereignty: UN case studies from 1940s China

Li Tingting, Peking University  
The Making of the Postcolonial Political Economy: The Disposition of Formerly Japanese Owned Enterprises in South Korea, 1945-1960

Lunch - 12:45pm-2:15pm
Panel 7: 2:15pm - 3:45pm
Demobilization and Reformation of Power
Chaired by Professor Heonik Kwon, Trinity College, University of Cambridge

Rotem Kowner, University of Haifa
The Impact of Surrendered Japanese Troops on the Postwar Recolonization and Decolonization of East Asia

Garren Mulloy, Daito Bunka University
Ordered to Disarm, Encouraged to Rearm: Japan’s Struggles with the Legacies, Legalities, and Legitimacies of Armed Forces and Armed Citizens in the Post-Imperial Demilitarised-Showa Era

Sugimoto Tomonori, Stanford University
From Banchi to Shandi, From Takasagozoku to Shanbao: The Reconstruction and Reformulation of Power in Indigenous Taiwan, 1945-1965

Coffee Break: 3:45pm-4:00pm

Panel 8: 4:00pm-5:30pm:
New Forms of Rebuilding Relations
Chaired by Professor Hans van de Ven, University of Cambridge

Gregory Adam Scott, University of Edinburgh
International Salvation: Chinese Buddhist Monasteries and the Roots of Sino-Japanese Rapprochement in the 1960s

James Person, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
Neither Coup nor Cabal: New Evidence on the 1956 August Plenum of the Korean Worker’s Party from the Russian and Chinese Archives

Stefan Huebner, National University of Singapore
Peaceful Internationalism, ‘Reborn’ Japan, and Non-Communist Asia: The Third Asian Games (Tokyo 1958)

Dinner: 7pm drinks; Buffet Dinner 7:30pm
St. Catharine's College, Senior Common Room

Day 4
December 12, Monday

Check out of room, Breakfasts and Goodbye, Travel home safely and/or enjoy personal time in Cambridge