



The 3rd Conference on Media and How it Shapes History in East Asia

Day 1 Arrival: Friday, January 13, 2017

Afternoon: Participants Arrive at Westminster College, Madingly Road, Cambridge CB3 0AA (<http://www.westminster.cam.ac.uk>) (Please see map for details)

7pm – Welcome Drinks in Westminster College

7.30pm – Dinner in Westminster College

Day 2, Conference, Saturday, January 14, 2017

7.30 - 9am: Breakfast for residential participants at Westminster College.

*9.30 - 10am: Coffee and tea served

Start

10am: Start of Conference

10 - 10.15am: Opening Remarks and Goals of Conference, Barak Kushner

In 2015 and 2016 we held similar conferences that focused more specifically on Sino-Japanese issues concerning history and media, and then Korea-Taiwan issues. This year's conference aims to more holistically approach the issue with an aim to writing a formal paper for popular consumption following the conclusion of the conference series.

10.15 - 10.30am: Welcome and setting the stage for discussion, Rana Mitter

How do we arrive at several concrete conclusions both on the academic and professional level concerning our findings. Many of past years' participants and this year's have already done extensive research on this topic or related topics, and published. Can we

make any broad generalizations or policy recommendations, or effect any change on the research or teaching spectrum?

10.30 - 11.00am: Brief self-Introductions around the table and breaking the ice. We might know of each other but since we work in disparate fields this will serve to help us create new linkages.

Session One

11am - 12.30pm: 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 do academics view the products of journalists and engage with the media? Is this interaction causing problems or creating a more informed public? How much direction is there from the authorities/owners/media magnates on this topic? What are the recent trends in various East Asian countries that should be noted by the group? Are there gaps in how we look at Taiwan and Korea versus China and Japan?

*12.30 - 12.45pm: Coffee and tea; mingle time

Session Two:

12.45 - 1.30pm: What are the intersections and fissures between academia and journalism? How do the two fields approach the issue of history and media? Do historians or academics particular to the region get asked directly to contribute to the media? Is there a distinction between “popular”/media-friendly and “academic” history? What is the situation with the democratization of media in Korea and Taiwan? Are there models to follow or pitfalls to avoid? What is the nature of history that has been created in East Asia? What is currently being created as a form of popular historical consciousness in East Asia?

Lunch: 1:30 - 2:30pm, Lunch at Westminster College.

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. This has proven to be a popular and effective method in year's past.

2.30 - 4pm: 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? (eg how aware are East Asian journalists in their understanding of the problems (and vice versa), public opinion diversion, etc.) What is happening with how the various governments are pursuing the creation of state-led history? How is each region defining its history and relations with their neighbors? Are there any generalizations we can make?

*4 - 4.15pm: Coffee and tea

Session Four:

4.15 - 6pm: 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? Do issues in history and gender reporting greatly differ among the various nations in East Asia? What about the role of foreign journalists in reporting the news in East Asia, and native journalists reporting the news in foreign countries?

*6pm: Break

Dinner

6.45pm – We will walk across town to Corpus Christi College together as a group 7pm – Drinks and mingle time

7.30pm – Dinner

Day 3, Conference, Sunday, January 15, 2017

7.30 - 9am: Breakfast for residential participants at Westminster College, the Buttery *9.30 - 10am: Coffee and tea

Session One:

10 - 11.30am: 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? What is actually at stake in the increasing appearance of the state in guiding historical opinion and is the media in collusion, or does it play a separate role?

*11.30 - 11.45am: Coffee and tea

Session Two:

11.45am - 1pm: Final wrap up. What sort of conclusions have we reached and how would we sum up our discussions? In light of the recent anniversaries 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?

Are Taiwan and Japan supposed beacons of media democratic development and can this genesis be traced to its colonial heritage with Japan? What about Korea or China? How is reporting reflected in the media struggles among these countries to dominate the international conversation on East Asian history?

Conclusion

1 - 1.15pm: Final Comments and remarks from Barak Kushner and Rana Mitter
Official Close of Conference

Optional lunch available (**close by pub, The Punter**) 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.

Departures:

*Sunday evening 15 January 2017 departure for UK and Europe guests

*Monday departure 16 January 2017 for guests traveling from further abroad

*Please make sure to get reimbursement forms (they will be in your welcome packet) and send all receipts for travel to Jill Cooper in the mail after you return home. Jill will require your original receipts, a scan and email will not suffice. If any questions, her email is: jc540@cam.ac.uk, and her address is on the reimbursement form. You will need to print out and attach all paper receipts and then snail mail them to Jill, along with your bank info, to get fully reimbursed.

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