

2025 Hokkaido University – University of Massachusetts Amherst

Post/Imperial Political Ecosystems: How Our World Has Been Shaped

TIME:

8.00-11.00 a.m. in Hokkaido

19.00-21.00 p.m. in Amherst

DATE:

Day 1 Thursday 6 March in Amherst

Friday 7 March in Hokkaido

Day 2 Monday 10 March in Amherst

Tuesday 11 March in Hokkaido

Organisers: Hokkaido University
and University of Massachusetts Amherst

Zoom Registration

*On-site Venue: Rm#403
Slavic-Eurasian Research Center, HU

Day 1



Day 2



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NOTES: - Open to the public, welcoming undergraduate and postgraduate students at both universities
- No Japanese translation provided





OVERVIEW



Researchers in Humanities and Social Sciences at Hokkaido University (HU) and the University of Massachusetts Amherst (UMA) gathered to discuss possible research collaborations on 23 October 2024, and agreed to arrange an online event to reconsider the meaning of the twentieth century. We suggest that the repercussions of the ends of empires have shaped the global crisis we are facing today. This event's specific focus on the Middle East, Slavic Eurasia, and Japan will help us reveal the multilayered complexity of the international system where local and regional events have become tectonic changes in world history. This joint online workshop event is open to the public. We welcome HU and UMA members, including students, to cultivate inter-university interdisciplinary collaborations.

PROGRAMME

DAY 1

JST	EST	
8:00	19:00	10min. Opening remarks Executive Vice President (International Affairs) Aya Takahashi, HU Vice Provost for Global Affairs Kaplen Trivedi, UMA
8:10	19:10	45min. Session #1 The twentieth century reconceptualised in Asia and the Middle East Moderator: Prof Yoko Aoshima, Slavic-Eurasian Research Center, HU Prof Norihiro Naganawa, Director, Slavic-Eurasian Research Center, HU Prof David Mednicoff, Chair, Department of Judaic and Near Eastern Studies, UMA Prof Andrew March, Department of Political Science, UMA
8:55	19:55	5min. Q&A
9:00	20:00	45min. Session #2 Post-imperial legacies: Japan's end of empire, transnational migration, and comparative contexts Moderator: Prof Hyujoo Naomi Chi, Graduate School of Public Policy Lecturer Jonathan Bull, Lecturer, Research Faculty of Media and Communication, HU Associate Prof Garrett Washington, Director of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion / Department of History
9:45	20:45	5min. Q&A
9:50	20:50	10min. Wrap-up for Day 1 Prof Norihiro Naganawa, Director, Slavic-Eurasian Research Center, HU

DAY 2

JST	EST	
8:00	19:00	10min. Reflection from Day 1 Prof David Mednicoff, Chair, Department of Judaic and Near Eastern Studies, UMA
8:10	19:10	45min. Session #3 Ukraine in post-imperial politics Moderator: Prof Ina Ganguli, Department of Economics, UMA Senior Lecturer Bogdan Prokopovych, Isenberg School of Management, UMA Prof Yoko Aoshima, Slavic-Eurasian Research Center, HU
8:55	19:55	5min. Q&A
9:00	20:00	60min. Panel discussion Moderator: Prof David Wolff, Slavic-Eurasian Research Center, HU Prof Norihiro Naganawa, Director, Slavic-Eurasian Research Center, HU Prof Andrew March, Department of Political Science, UMA Senior Lecturer Bogdan Prokopovych, Isenberg School of Management, UMA Prof Yoko Aoshima, Slavic-Eurasian Research Center, HU
10:00	21:00	10min. Closing remarks Executive Vice President (Research) Tsuyoshi Setoguchi, HU Associate Prof Pari Riahi, Associate Dean for Research & Engagement, College of Humanities & Fine Arts, UMA

SPEAKERS



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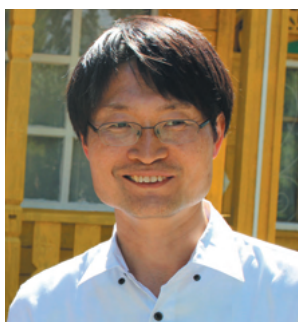
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