

Program (revised)

Rethinking the Aerial Destruction of Cities in East Asia, 1932-45

Jones Hall 202, Princeton University

Friday, March 6, 2020

1:30 p.m. Introduction by Sheldon Garon (Princeton University)

1:45-3:30 p.m. Session 1

Chair: Rotem Kowner (University of Haifa)

Paul Saint-Amour (University of Pennsylvania), "Bukimi before Bukimi no Tani: On the Bombing Uncanny"

Gennifer Weisenfeld (Duke University), "Gas Mask Parade"

3:30 p.m. Break

3:45-5:30 p.m. Session 2

Chair: Sheldon Garon (Princeton University)

Aaron William Moore (University of Edinburgh), "Bombing the City: Civilian Accounts of the Air War in Britain and Japan, 1939-1945"

John B. Thompson (Columbia University), "The Air Raid Shelter in Chongqing, 1938-1941"

Saturday, March 7

9:15-11:00 a.m. Session 3

Chair: David Fedman (University of California, Irvine)

Sheldon Garon (Princeton University), “On the Transnational Destruction of Cities: What Japan and the U.S. Learned from the Bombing of Britain and Germany”

Trevor Albertson (Lassen Community College), “Arson: Curtis LeMay and the Great Burning of Japan”

11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Session 4

Chair: Cary Karacas (College of Staten Island, CUNY)

Nicholas Risteen (Princeton University), “Playing with Fire: Experiments in Architecture and Destruction”

Katja Schmidpott (Ruhr-University Bochum), “German Concepts of Civil Defense in Japanese Wartime Urban Planning”

Lunch

2:00-3:45 p.m. Session 5

Chair: Gennifer Weisenfeld (Duke University)

Cary Karacas (College of Staten Island, CUNY), “Anticipating the Air War: Cartoons, Drawings, and the Tensions of Japanese Air Defense”

David Fedman (University of California, Irvine), “History from the Ashes: Memorializing the Air Raid Experience in Postwar Japan”

Break

4:00-4:30 p.m. Wrap-up Session (chaired by Rotem Kowner)