Japan in the Long 1940s: A New History
Tentative Date: Friday, November 13, 2020

10:00 A.M. OPENING REMARKS
Benjamin Uchiyama (University of Southern California)

10:05 A.M. KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Japan in the 1940s: An Old New History
Gordon Berger (University of Southern California)

10:15 A.M. – 12:15 P.M. MORNING PANEL – NEW TRENDS IN MODERN JAPANESE HISTORY
SPY! The Battle of Okinawa and the Legacy of Espionage: The Real Secret Agents, Executed “Traitors,” and the Hunt for the Enemy Within
Kirsten Ziomek (Adelphi University)

The Invention of the Kamikaze
Nick Kapur (Rutgers University-Camden)

Tōjō Hideki and the Politics of Hope in Wartime Japan
Jeremy Yellen (Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Food Politics: Re-Examining the Wartime and Occupation Periods
Hiromi Mizuno (University of Minnesota)

Comments by Sheldon Garon (Princeton University)

OPEN DISCUSSION (30 minutes)

12:20 – 1:50 P.M. LUNCH

1:50 – 3:50 P.M. AFTERNOON PANEL - MORE NEW TRENDS IN MODERN JAPANESE HISTORY
Prospecting the Ruins: Mapping the Social Geography of Bomb Destruction in Urban Japan
David Fedman (UC Irvine)

Limited Mobilization in a Time of “Total War”: Genders, Colonies, and Consequences
Kristin Roebuck (Cornell University)

Water Struggles and the Long 1940s in Okinawa: Transwar Connectivity after Dispossession
Wendy Matsumura (UC San Diego)

After-War: The “Oh, Mistake” Incident and the Ghosts of Wartime in Defeated Japan
Benjamin Uchiyama (University of Southern California)

Comments by Sabine Frühstück (UC Santa Barbara)

OPEN DISCUSSION (30 minutes)

3:50 – 4:00 P.M. BREAK

4:00 – 5:00 P.M. GROUP DISCUSSION

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