The Long Shadow of the San Francisco Peace Treaty: East Asia from Post-War Settlement to Twenty-first Century Tensions, and Beyond

Public Lecture & Workshop Program (15-17 April 2015)

Day 1 : 15 April 2015

15.00 – 16.30  Public Lecture
Dr Monica Kim (New York University)
*The Crucible of Humanitarian Warfare: The Interrogation Rooms of the Korean War*

Chair: Professor Hyaeweol Choi (Australian National University)

Day 2 : 16 April 2015

9.30 – 10.00  Morning tea

10.00 – 12.00  Workshop: Session 1
1) Opening introduction
2) Speakers’ presentations:
   - Professor Kimie Hara (University of Waterloo)
     *Okinawa, Taiwan, and the Senkaku/Diaoyu Islands in United States–Japan–China Relations*
   - Professor Shen Zhihua (East China Normal University)
     *The Treaty of Peace with Japan and the Korean Truce Negotiations*
3) Discussion:
   San Francisco Peace Treaty, the Korean War and their enduring implications

Discussant: Emeritus Professor Gavan McCormack (Australian National University)
Chair: Associate Professor Katharine Morton (Australian National University)

12.00 – 13.00  Lunch

13.00 – 15.00  Workshop: Session 2
1) Speaker’s presentation:
   - Dr Monica Kim (New York University)
The Hague, San Francisco, and Panmunjom: Deferring decolonization through the domestication of warfare

2) Discussion

Discussant: TBA
Chair: Professor Tessa Morris-Suzuki (Australian National University)

15.00 – 15.30 Afternoon Tea

15.30 – 16.30 Workshop: Session 3

1) General Discussion

Chair: Professor Richard Rigby (Australian National University)

17.30 – 19.00 Public Lecture
Professor Shen Zhihua (East China Normal University)
Undesired Outcomes: China’s Approach to Border Disputes during the Early Cold War

Chair: Professor Richard Rigby (Australian National University)

Day 3 : 17 April 2015

9.30 – 10.00 Morning Tea

10.00 – 12.00 Workshop: Session 4

1) Where can we go from here?

Discussant: TBA
Chair: Dr Peter Van Ness (Australian National University)

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch

13.00 – 14.30 Public Lecture
Professor Kimie Hara, University of Waterloo
Continuing Legacies of the San Francisco System: Past, Present, and Future Options

Chair: Associate Professor Simon Avenell (Australian National University)

14.30 – 15.00 Afternoon Tea
About the Speakers

Professor Kimie Hara

KIMIE HARA is a Professor and the Renison Research Professor at the University of Waterloo (Canada), where she is also the Director of East Asian Studies at Renison University College. She received her Ph.D. from the Australian National University, and specializes in modern and contemporary international relations of the Asia-Pacific region, border studies, Cold War history, and Japanese politics and diplomacy. Her (authored/edited) books include San Francisco System and Its Legacies: Continuation, Transformation and Historical Reconciliation in the Asia-Pacific (2015), East Asia-Arctic Relations: Boundary, Security, and International Politics (2014, with Ken Coates), Cold War Frontiers in the Asia-Pacific: Divided Territories in the San Francisco System (2007), Japanese-Soviet/Russian Relations since 1945: A Difficult Peace (1998), Japanese Diplomacy through the Eyes of Japanese Scholars Overseas (2009, in Japanese), and Northern Territories, Asia-Pacific Regional Conflicts and the Åland Experience: Untying the Kurillian Knot (2009, with Geoffrey Jukes).

Dr Monica Kim

Monica Kim is an Assistant Professor in the Department of History at New York University. She works in U.S. and global race relations, modern East Asian and Asian American history, and international legal history. Her current book project, Humanity Interrogated, examines the relationship between two global phenomena – international warfare and formal decolonization – through the prism of military interrogation rooms of the Korean War. She has held a Mellon postdoctoral fellowship at University of Pennsylvania, and will be a member of the Institute for Advanced Study beginning this fall.

Professor Shen Zhihua

Professor Shen Zhihua is an historian greatly admired in China as a pioneer of archival research on the Cold War, the Korean War and Sino-Soviet relations. Internationally renowned for his scholarship, Professor Shen Zhihua first attracted significant media attention in 1995 when he committed some 1.4 million yuan of his own money to buy declassified historical archives from Russia. A six-year project (1996-2002) grew out of this acquisition, which Professor Shen Zhihua undertook in collaboration with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), involving the translation, collation and editing of the archival materials. The project led to the publication of the thirty-four-volume Selected Historical Documents of the Soviet Union 苏联历史档案选编, released in instalments from 2002 to 2008. This massive anthology has shaped mainland scholarship about the Cold War ever since. Professor Shen Zhihua is currently researching and teaching at the Center for Cold War International History Studies, East China Normal University, Shanghai, China.