

# The Making and Unmaking of Manchukuo

## Tentative Program

**Date:** Friday, April 11, 2014

**Location:** 61 Kirkland St, Room 202

**About the Workshop:** This one-day workshop will focus on the history, literature, and culture of "Manchukuo" (Japanese colonial Manchuria) from multidisciplinary and multinational perspectives, and the presenters will include faculty members and graduate students from Harvard and nearby universities.

**Organizers:** Xiaoli Liu, Rui Hua, Miya Qiong Xie

**Faculty Sponsors:** Mark Elliott, David Der-wei Wang

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**10:00am:** Opening Remarks, Mark Elliott (Harvard University)

**10:05am–11:50am: Dissertation Panel: New Perspectives on Manchuria**

Chair and Discussant: Mark Elliott (Harvard University)

Speakers:

Victor Seow (Harvard University) "Manchuria: Cradle of Comparison"

Stephen Poland (Yale University) "I Am a Dog: Natsume Sōseki and the South Manchuria Railway"

Sakura Christmas (Harvard University) "Environmental Engineering and Forced Migrations in the Making of a Mongol Province"

**11:50am–1:00pm:** *Lunch Break*

**1:00pm–3:10pm: Faculty Panel: Building Manchukuo**

Chair and Discussant: Ronald Suleski (Suffolk University)

Speakers:

Norman Smith (University of Guelph) "Shifting Ideals of Modernity in Manchukuo"

Victor Zatspine (University of Connecticut) "Changing fortunes: CER's purchase by Japan and the fate of Russians in Manchukuo"

Jie Li (Harvard University) “A National Cinema for a Puppet State: the Manchurian Motion Picture Association”

Xiaoli Liu (Suffolk, East China Normal U) “The Rhetoric of ‘The New Manchuria’: A Consideration of ‘The New Manchuria’ Magazine from the Manchukuo Period”

**3:10pm–3:30pm:** *Coffee Break*

**3:30pm–4:45pm: Pre-dissertation Panel: One Step Further into History**

Chair and Discussant: David Der-wei Wang (Harvard University)

Speakers:

Rui Hua (Harvard University) “A Local China in Frontier Manchuria: the Cultural Context of Intellectual Collaboration in Early Manchukuo, 1905–1932”

Miya Qiong Xie (Harvard University) “Shaonv/Shōjo: The Semiotics of the Borderland”

Yuting Dong (Harvard University) “Unveiling the Empire’s Hiroba—An analysis of Daidō Hiroba in Shinkyō (1932–1945)”

**4:45pm–5:10pm:** *Coffee Break*

**5:10pm–6:00pm: Roundtable Discussion**

**6:30pm:** *Dinner (By invitation only)*