HIS 565/CEG 565 Field Seminar Modern Japan

Thurs, 3:30 pm - 6:20 pm

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This graduate field seminar introduces students to the major scholarly debates on the history of modern Japan and its transnational connections. It is intended to serve the needs of MA, MAT, and PhD students and accommodate their diverse goals and backgrounds. The course provides both a broad survey of Japan's recent past as well as consideration of important themes, methodologies, and interpretations. We will read both classics and recent works in the field. Themes discussed include the rise of the modern state, Japanese imperialism, fascism, industrial policy, and postwar democracy and popular protest. Students will be evaluated on both their class participation and writing assignments. Coursework includes in-class presentations and writing exercises, short book reviews, and a final paper.