June 18 | Sunday | Opening Event

Beit Maiersdorf Banquet Hall

17:30: Reception

18:00: Greetings

Nissim Otmazgin, Chair of the Department of Asian Studies, Acting Director, Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace

18:25: Artistic Program: Obon Dance and Martial Arts Show

19:00: Keynote Address

Ben-Ami Shillony, Hebrew University of Jerusalem: Emperor and Militarism in Modern Japan

June 19 | Monday Abba Eban Hall, Truman Institute

9:30: Greetings and Introduction Danny Orbach, Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Andrew Levidis, Cambridge University

10:00 - 12:00: Ideology, Mobilization and Total War Chair and Commentator: Rotem Kowner, University of Haifa

Roger Brown, Saitama University: Conservative Nationalism in Japan on the Eve of War: Yasuoka Masahiro, Global Confrontation and Japan's Divine Mandate

Mori Yasuo, Dōshisha University: Preparation for Total War in 1920s Japan

Naraoka Sōchi, Kyoto University: The First World War and Japan: From Territorial Expansionism to International Cooperation

Shimizu Yūichirō, Keio University: Lessons for Total War: What Japanese Bureaucrats Learned From the First World War?

13:30-15:15: Manchurian Encounters: Militarism and the Nexus of Empires Chair and Commentator: Yuri Pines, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Mark Gamsa, Tel Aviv University: Border Crossing Between the Russian Far East and Manchuria

Emer O'Dwyer, Oberlin College: A Fractured Civil-Military Union: The South Manchurian Railway Company and the Kwantung Army, 1933-34

Bjorn Koolen, Sophia University, Tokyo: Inside the Kwantung Army

15:45-17:30: Statesmen, politicians and the Making of Japanese Militarism

Chair and Commentator: Ayala Klemperer-Markman, Tel Aviv University

Tobe Ryōichi, Teikyō University: Why Did Japanese Soldiers Become Politicized? An Analysis of the Development of Soldiers' Consciousness

Andrew Levidis, Cambridge University: After February 26, 1936: Prince Konoe Fumimaro and The Imperial Way Faction

Rotem Kowner, University of Haifa: The Pacifist-Militarist Statesman: The "Multiple Personality" of Konoe Fumimaro and the Nature of Japanese Prewar Militarism

Bruce Grover, University of Heidelberg: Visions of National Reconstruction and Asian Leadership in Pre-War Japanese Military Ideology: The Cultural Thought and Political Action of General Hayashi Senjūrō

18:00-19:00: Keynote Address

Andrew Gordon, Harvard University:

Imperial Democracies in Twentieth Century Japan



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June 20 | Tuesday

Abba Eban Hall, Truman Institute

10:00-12:00: Adventurers, Pirates and Medics: Military Encounters From the Ground Up Chair and Commentator: Nissim Otmazgin, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Danny Orbach, Hebrew University of Jerusalem: The Military-Adventurous Complex and the Roots of Japanese Imperialism

Grégoire Sastre, CRCAO, Université Paris Diderot: The Relations Between non-Institutional Agents and Military Intelligence: The Institutionalization of the Expansionist Ideology

Nguyen Thu, Institute of Sino-Nom Studies, Hanoi: Japanese Sea Adventurers in Vietnam During the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries

Reut Harari, Tel Aviv University: Imperial Medicine? Japanese Military Medics in War-Torn China

13:15-14:45: Militarism Around the World: Comparative Perspectives Chair and Commentator: Yagil Henkin, IDF Command and General Staff College

Cathal Nolan, Boston University: The Allure of Battle

C. Christine Fair, Center for Peace and Security, Georgetown University: Pakistan's Way of War: Militarism and Strategic Culture

Carter Eckert, Harvard University: Imperial Redux: The South Korean Military From the Coup of February 26, 1936 to the Coup of May 16, 1961

15:15-18:00: The Spirit and Imprints of Militarism: Ideology, Culture

Chair and Commentator: Ehud Harari, Hebrew University

Clinton Godart, Hokkaido University: Rethinking Religious Militarism in Pre-War Japan

Sigal Ben Rafael Galanti, Beit Berl College:

Japanese Militarism Reexamined

Ury Eppstein, Hebrew University of Jerusalem: Militarism in Japanese School Songs

18:30-19:00: Concluding Lecture 🕬 **Sheldon Garon**, Princeton University: *Five* Things You'd Want to Know in Explaining Japan's Surrender in 1945

19:15-19:45: Concluding Remarks Danny Orbach, Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Andrew Levidis, Cambridge University

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