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**The Tokyo War Crimes Trial at Sixty:
Legacies and Reassessment**

with

Yoshinobu Higurashi, Professor, Kagoshima University

Yuma Totani, Assistant Professor, University of Hawai'i

Discussant

Daqing Yang, Associate Professor, George Washington University

Moderator

Mike Mochizuki, Associate Professor, George Washington University

Monday, March 23rd, 2009

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Reception to follow

at

George Washington University
City View Room, 7th Floor
1957 E Street N.W., Washington, D.C.

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About the Seminar

The Tokyo War Crimes Trial is central to the world's understanding of the causes, conduct, and conclusion of World War Two in East Asia. Interpretations have traditionally been divided between those who view the trial as either "victor's justice" or a "judgment of civilization." A new generation of scholars has attempted to transcend these simplistic binary positions and forge a nuanced interpretation of the trial's meaning and relevance for today's world.

About the Speakers

Dr. Yoshinobu Higurashi is Professor of Japanese political history and foreign policy in the Faculty of Law, Economics and the Humanities at Kagoshima University. He received his B.A. from Rikkyo University in 1986, and Ph.D. from Gakushuin University in 2000. He is author of *Tokyo Saiban no Kokusai Kankei* (The Tokyo War Crimes Trials and International Relations, 2002), which received the Yoshida Shigeru Prize. His most recent books are *Tokyo Saiban* (The Tokyo War Crimes Trials) and *Tokyo Saiban wo Tadashiku Yomu* (Correctly Reading the Tokyo War Crimes Trials, co-authored with Kei Ushimura, both 2008). Other works include his translation of Arnold C. Brackman's *The Other Nuremberg* into Japanese, and his supervision of the Japanese edition of John G. Roos's *In a Prison Called Sugamo*.

Dr. Yuma Totani is Assistant Professor of history at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. She received her Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley in 2005 and was a post-doctoral fellow at the Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, Harvard University. Her publications include "Tokyo saiban ni okeru senso hanzai sotsui to hanketsu: Nankin jiken to sei doreisei ni taisuru kokka shidosha sekinin o chushin ni" (The Prosecution of War Crimes and the Judgment of the Tokyo Tribunal: Focusing on the Responsibility of State Leaders for the Nanjing Incident and Sexual Slavery), in *Gendai rekishigaku to Nankin jiken* (Modern Historical Studies and the Nanjing Incident, Kasahara Tokushi and Yoshida Yutaka, eds., 2006); and *The Tokyo War Crimes Trial: The Pursuit of Justice in the Wake of World War II* (2008).

About the Discussant

Dr. Daqing Yang is Associate Professor at The George Washington University, where he specializes in the modern history of Japan and East Asia. In 2004, Dr. Yang was appointed a Historical Consultant to The Nazi War Crimes and Japanese Imperial Government Records Interagency Working Group at the U.S. National Archives, and in fall 2006 he served as the Edwin O. Reischauer Visiting Professor of Japanese Studies at Harvard University. Dr. Yang grew up in Nanjing, graduated from Nanjing University, and received his Ph.D. from Harvard University. He co-edited *Contentious Issues in Sino-Japanese Relations: Toward a History Beyond Borders* (in Chinese and Japanese) as well as *Rethinking Historical Injustice and Reconciliation in Northeast Asia: the Korean Experience*. His book *Technology of Empire: Telecommunications and Japanese Expansion, 1895-1945* is forthcoming.

About the Moderator

Dr. Mike Mochizuki is Associate Professor of Political Science and International Affairs at The George Washington University. He holds the Elliott School's endowed chair in Japan-U.S. relations in memory of Gaston Sigur. Previously, Dr. Mochizuki was at the Brookings Institution where he was a senior fellow. Before that he was with RAND where he served as co-director of the Center for Asia-Pacific Policy. He has taught at the University of Southern California and at Yale University. He received his Ph.D. in political science from Harvard University. Some of his recent publications include, *Japan in International Politics*, *The Okinawa Question and the U.S.-Japan Alliance*, and *Crisis on the Korean Peninsula*. He is currently working on a book entitled *The New Strategic Triangle: the U.S.-Japan Alliance and the Rise of China*.