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The Ghosts of 1900: The Boxer Rising and Invasion of the Eight Allied Armies as Global Media Events



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Abstract: This illustrated talk will examine the intense international interest generated by the Chinese crisis of 1900, which began with anti-Christian militants attacking churches and villages, included a siege of Beijing's foreign legations, and ended with an international invasion and then military occupation of North China. Themes examined will include the widely varied opinions on the Chinese crisis by prominent figures of the day, from Tolstoy and Tagore to Teddy Roosevelt and Buffalo Bill, and the ways that the Boxers and their enemies were portrayed in poems, plays, and political cartoons.

Bio: Jeffrey Wasserstrom is Chancellor's Professor of History at UC Irvine

and editor of the *Journal of Asian Studies*. He is the author of five books, including *China in the 21st Century: What Everyone Needs to Know*, and editor, most recently, of *The Oxford Illustrated History of Modern China*, forthcoming mid-2016. In addition to writing for scholarly venues, often contributes commentaries and reviews to newspapers, magazines, and blogs. He is currently working on a book on the Boxer Crisis for Oxford University Press, and a short collection of his commentaries, *Eight Juxtapositions: China Through Imperfect Analogies from Mark Twain to Manchukuo*, will be published as a Penguin Special early in 2016.



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