

Road to the Pacific War in Recent Historiography

Panel Presentations on Early Showa Japan

Monday, November 7, 2016

4:00 - 6:00 pm: Panel Presentations

6:00 - 7:00 pm: Reception and Discussion

Faculty Club Grand Lounge

181 South Oval Drive

Why did Showa Japan march to the Pacific War? What were the keys to Japan's policy failures? To shed light on these questions 70 years after the war, five panelists will offer the most up-to-date research findings using the recent historiography featured in *Fifteen Lectures on Showa Japan*. The panelists will cover Japan's foreign policy, party politics, and public opinion in the early Showa period and place them in the broader context of modern history. The Japan Publishing Industry Foundation for Culture/Japan Library has organized the US tour of this panel discussion, and will have *Fifteen Lectures on Showa Japan* available during the reception. This event at OSU is hosted by the Institute for Japanese Studies and the East Asian Studies Center.

Panelists

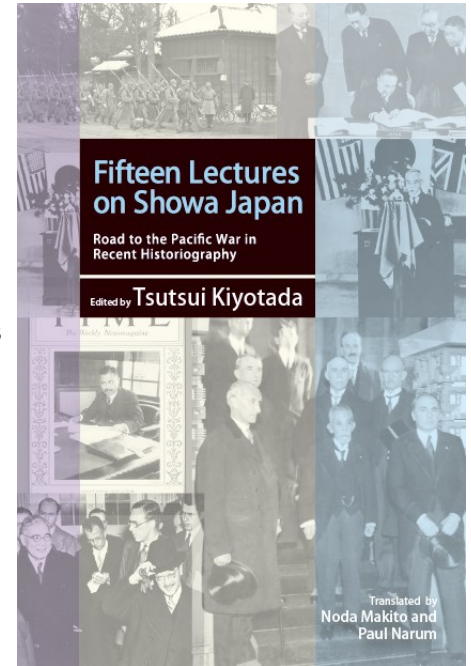
Kaoru Iokibe, Professor, Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, University of Tokyo, received a PhD in Law from University of Tokyo. His research fields are the political and diplomatic history of Japan and the history of local societies.

Sochi Naraoka, Professor, Graduate School of Law, Kyoto University, received a PhD in 2004 from Kyoto University. He is currently Senior Research Fellow at the London School of Economics and Political Science. His research area is the political and diplomatic history of Japan in the Taisho and early Showa period.

Kevin M. Doak, Professor and Chair, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Georgetown University, holds the Nippon Foundation Chair in Japanese Studies. He received a PhD in East Asian Languages and Civilizations from the University of Chicago in 1989, and is the co-editor of the *Journal of Japanese Studies*. He has published widely both in English and Japanese, and given numerous lectures and interviews on modern Japanese politics, religion, thought and culture. In addition to over forty articles, he has published four books including his latest, *Xavier's Legacies: Catholicism in Modern Japanese Culture*.

Tomoki Takeda, Professor, Department of Political Science, Faculty of Law, Daito Bunka University, received a PhD from Tokyo Metropolitan University in 2000. His research fields are international relations and the history of Japanese politics and foreign diplomacy.

Kiyotada Tsutsui, Professor and Dean, Faculty of Liberal Arts, and Chair, Graduate School of Language and Cultures, Teikyo University, has published widely on modern Japanese politics and culture, ranging from the February 26 Incident to discourses on Japanese film. He is the editor of *Fifteen Lectures on Showa Japan*.



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ROAD TO THE PACIFIC WAR IN RECENT HISTORIOGRAPHY

Why did Showa Japan rush into war? What were keys to understand Japan's policy failures? To shed light on these questions 70 years after the war, we published recent research findings in the monograph “Fifteen Lectures on Showa Japan” in March 2016. In this panel presentation and discussion, we offer the most up-to-date results of research on early Showa Japan since the publication of “Fifteen Lectures on Showa Japan”.

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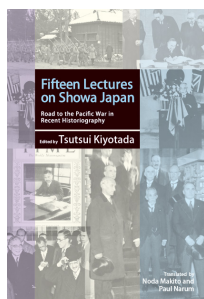
Professor **Kevin M. Doak**
(Georgetown University)

Professor **Kiyotada Tsutsui**
(Teikyo University)

Professor **Kaoru Iokibe**
(The University of Tokyo)

Professor **Sochi Naraoka**
(Kyoto University)

Professor **Tomoki Takeda**
(Daito Bunka University)



World War I and Japan— The start of a foreign policy based on international cooperation

Presentation by Professor

Sochi Naraoka, Kyoto University

Japan's foreign policy strategy in the 1930s and Japan-US negotiations

Presentation by Professor

Tomoki Takeda, Daito Bunka University

The early Showa period within modern history

Presentation by Professor

Kaoru Iokibe, The University of Tokyo

Army, political parties, and public opinion in the early Showa period

Presentation by Professor

Kiyotada Tsutsui, Teikyo University

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