

## **Introduction to Japan: Japan and WWII in Asia**

**HIS 565  
FIELD SEMINAR**

**Professor Janis Mimura**

**Mondays 5:30-8:20      SBS N-303**

This seminar introduces students to important themes, approaches, and recent historiographical debates in the history of Japan and WWII in Asia. Examining the war from the perspective of Japanese history, we will consider its connections to Asia and the world at large. We will begin with the post-WWI settlement and follow Japan's increasing estrangement from the liberal world order in the process of its expansion in East and Southeast Asia, its alliance with fascist Europe, and its wager against the Soviet Union and the United States. Students will develop skills in critical reading and analysis of argument, method, and sources through active reading and discussion. Other requirements include an in-class presentation, short reading reports, and a 10-12-page historiographical essay on a topic of their choice. **Enrollment in History MA or PhD Program or Permission of Instructor.**