Dr. Patrick Fuliang Shan will present a new approach to analyzing the rapid wartime growth of Chinese communism in this talk. His monograph entitled, “Taming China’s Wilderness: Immigration, Settlement and the Shaping of the Heilongjiang Frontier, 1900-1931” (Ashgate, 2014), probes the history of China’s northeastern frontier. He has published articles and essays in the *Journal of Social History, Frontiers of History in China, American Journal of Chinese Studies, American Review of China Studies, Chinese Historical Review,* and other scholarly journals.

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