Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015  2:00-6:00pm  
Michigan Room A in The Harding Mott University Center  
University of Michigan-Flint, MI

**Presenters:**


This article examines the role of the discourse of overpopulation in fostering Japanese colonial migration to Hokkaido in the early Meiji era. It further discusses how, through Malthusian interpretation of Japanese demography, the colonial migration to Hokkaido in the first decade of Meiji paved the way for Japanese migration to the US since the 1880s.

**Hiromi Mizuno,** University of Minnesota: "The Flying Geese Theory Revisited: Japan's Technical Cooperation in the 1950s/1960s and the Reconstruction of Asia"

It is well known that Japan's ODA began as war reparation for Asian countries in the 1950s, but it is less known that it took a form of technical cooperation with "Japanese service and products" (ie., labor, expertise, and capital goods) as specified in reparation and related treaties. These technical cooperation projects helped Japan re-enter the Asian market and Japanese economy thrive in the 1950s and 1960s. Meanwhile, by observing this process, Akamatsu Kaname developed his prewar theory into the famous Flying Geese theory that came to acclaimed since the 1980s. My paper critically examines the significance of "technology" for Japan's war reparation and Cold War reconstruction of Asia.


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**From Flint Bishop Airport,** (it’s about 3 miles) and most convenient. A complimentary shuttle is available through the hotel. Taxi charge for one way $14.00 and about 7 minutes. Follow
Bristol Road east to US-23/I-75 south. Follow US-23 to the Hill Road exit#90. Turn left on Hill Road. The hotel is located on the left in the Gateway Centre.

**Airport:** Flint Bishop Airport. Bishop Airport is served by Delta, United, American and Southwest airlines.

**Travel instructions:** University of Michigan-Flint is located just north of I-69, west of I-475, and east of I-75. Park is available in Lot A (next to recreation center), Mill Street parking deck, or Harrison Street parking deck. (No parking fees.)

The seminar will be held in the Harding Mott University Center in Michigan room A.

The hotel is south of the University about 8 miles. Take I-475 south. Follow I-475 to the Hill Road exit#2. Turn right on Hill and then turn right in the Gateway Centre.

**Map:** [http://maps.umflint.edu/](http://maps.umflint.edu/)

**MJS Dinner:** To be determined.

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Papers will be sent electronically (PDF File). Please indicate by e-mail to Lou Perez if you plan to attend and wish to join the group for dinner

**FUTURE MJS SESSIONS:**

**October 17, 2015**  Washington University St. Louis (with MCAA)

- **Kendra Strand,** St. Olaf: “From Saigyô to Bashô: Edo-Period Constructions of the Traveler-Poet”
- **David Holloway,** University of Rochester: "Masochism in Contemporary Japanese Women's Fiction."

**November 14, 2015**  Illinois State University (Normal)

- **Elizabeth Oyler,** University of Illinois: “Mapping the East, mapping the past: the Travelogue Kaidaki and Heike monogatari's 'Kaid? Kudari”
- **Maki Isaka,** University of Minnesota: "Conquest of 'Femmes Fatale' by 'Honorary Men': Women's Gidayu Music in Modern Japan"

**February 20, 2016**  Beloit College (Wisconsin)

- **Tanya Maus,** Peace Resource Center, Ohio: “Quakers and the Hibakusha.”
- **Morten Oxenboell,** Indiana University: “Aesthetics of Violence in Medieval Japanese War Tales.”

**April 9, 2016**  Northern Illinois University Dekalb

- **Robert Kane,** Niagara University: "Negotiating with Allies during Wartime: The Ishii-Lansing Agreement of 1917."
- **Taylor Atkins,** Northern Illinois: “A History of Popular Culture in Japan: From the Seventeenth Century to the Present”
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