

Department of History Colloquium presents

Guest Speaker:

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**Everyone is
welcome**

Studies of *Bushidō* Discourse in Tokugawa Japan, 1600 – 1868

"Bushidō" and *"samurai"* are cited as typical examples to explain Japanese culture. However, *"bushidō"* or "the way of the warrior" is terminology which first appeared in the 16th century, and since the Meiji period (1868-1912), the concept has been represented through various images and appropriated in numerous contexts to contemporary times. This requires us to understand *"bushidō"* from a historical perspective. How has *bushidō* been explained in the fields of history and intellectual history to current times? In this presentation, I will introduce images of *bushidō* and *samurai* transmitted to the present day, reveal problems with studying this subject relying on reprinted sources, and shed light on critical issues of *bushidō* studies.



Dr. Eisuke Nakajima is a Foreign Lecturer at Xi'an International Studies University in Xi'an, China. He is a National Institute of Japanese Literature Guest Fellow, and holds a PhD in Japanese Intellectual History from Tohoku University.

His selected publications include: *"Yamaga Sokō's Notion of Training 'Farmer-Soldiers': From 'Farmers' to 'Warriors'"* in the *Journal of Japanese Intellectual History*, (No.47, 2015); and *"Tokugawa Period Bushidō Discourse and 'Mortality'"* in *Kami, People, and the Dead*, Ed. Susumu Togashi. (Tokyo: Perikansha, 2015). Dr. Nakajima's monograph on early modern *Bushidō* discourse is scheduled to be published in 2018.