



CHALLENGING THE “NORMAL” IN COLD WAR SOUTH KOREA AND JAPAN

ZOOM WORKSHOP

11-13 FEBRUARY

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We are pleased to announce the third and last in a series of three Zoom workshops on the theme of “QUEERING THE STRAITS: UNRULY SUBJECTS ACROSS MODERN KOREAN AND JAPANESE STUDIES.” These workshops are intended to facilitate greater communication and collaboration among scholars of Japan and Korea who work on issues of gender and sexuality, often in isolation from one another. We believe that such “queer” dialogues across borders and cultures offer a challenging yet vital opportunity to forge new intellectual and institutional

bonds at a time when powerful forces continue to silence, erase, and marginalize seemingly minor subjects and their important points of view.

The upcoming workshop, “CHALLENGING THE ‘NORMAL’ IN COLD WAR SOUTH KOREA AND JAPAN,” will take place over the weekend of 11–13 February 2022. (See below for a detailed schedule.) This final workshop considers the intersections of postcolonial sentiment, Cold War capitalism, and cross-border travel in the wake of Japanese imperialism and US military occupation. By examining the circulation of bodies, goods, and ideas across national, regional, and other types of spatial boundaries, the three papers seek new ways of understanding the normative configurations of sexual practice, corporeal embodiment, and gender performance that helped sustain a superficially stable, yet deeply fractured, Cold War order in Northeast Asia.

Preregistration is required for this event. We particularly invite the participation of scholars whose work focuses on gender and sexuality in East Asia. To register, please fill out our RSVP form by February 10:

<https://forms.gle/z1xbiAYiyDyWfexS6>

A day or two before the start of the workshop, we will send an email to all registered participants with a link to the event. If you have any questions or trouble with registration, please email us at queeringthestrains@gmail.com.

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A Zoom Workshop Series for 2021–2022
Workshop #3

CHALLENGING THE “NORMAL” IN COLD WAR SOUTH KOREA AND JAPAN
11–13 February 2022

SESSION A
HIDDEN SPACES: TRAVEL, MIGRATION, AND DEVELOPMENT
Saturday, 12 February 2022, 9:00–11:45 AM, Seoul/Tokyo time *

OPENING REMARKS

9:00–9:10 AM

Gregory M. Pflugfelder

Associate Professor, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures & Department of History, Columbia University

PRESENTATIONS

9:10–9:35 AM

ISHIDA Hitoshi

Researcher, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, Meiji Gakuin University

“(Inter)National Development and the Origins of *Hattenba* (Cruising Spaces) in Modern Japan”

9:35–10:00 AM

WATANABE Naoki

Professor of Korean Language and Culture, Musashi University

“Masculinity and Protest Nationalism in 1960s Korean Literature:
On Nam Chŏnghyŏn’s ‘Land of Excrement’ (1965)”

10:00–10:25 AM

Todd A. Henry

Associate Professor, Department of History, University of California, San Diego

“Cross-Strait Queerness: South Korean–Japanese Encounters in Postcolonial Times”

RESPONSES

10:25–10:40 AM

Vernadette Gonzalez

Professor of American Studies, University of Hawai’i at Mānoa

10:40–10:55 AM

Kate McDonald

Associate Professor, Department of History, University of California, Santa Barbara

GENERAL DISCUSSION

10:55–11:45 AM

SESSION B

QUEERING THE STRAITS: REFLECTIONS AND PROSPECTS

Sunday, 13 February 2022, 9:00–11:30 AM, Seoul/Tokyo time *

OPENING REMARKS

9:00–9:10 AM

Todd A. Henry

Associate Professor, Department of History, University of California, San Diego

REFLECTIONS

9:10–9:30 AM

Gregory M. Pflugfelder

Associate Professor, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures & Department of History, Columbia University

9:30–9:50 AM

Jin-kyung Lee

Associate Professor, Department of Literature, University of California, San Diego

9:50–10:10

Todd A. Henry

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GENERAL DISCUSSION

10:10–11:30 AM

* Equivalent times for other time zones:

New York – Friday, 7:00–9:45 PM; Saturday, 7:00–9:30 PM

Chicago – Friday, 6:00–8:45 PM; Saturday, 6:00–8:30 PM

Los Angeles – Friday, 4:00–6:45 PM; Saturday, 4:00–6:30 PM

Honolulu – Friday, 2:00–4:45 PM; Saturday, 2:00–4:30 PM

Sydney – Saturday, 11:00 AM–1:45 PM; Sunday, 11:00 AM–1:30 PM

Hong Kong / Perth – Saturday, 8:00–10:45 AM; Sunday, 8:00–10:30 AM

Berlin / Paris / Rome – Saturday, 1:00–3:45 AM; Sunday, 1:00–3:30 AM

London – Saturday, 12:00–2:45 AM; Sunday, 12:00–2:30 AM