

Lectures 2013

19-9-2013

WWII Propaganda Talk by Sharalyn Orbaugh

SALC Japanese Studies and History present invited speaker:

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### Mobilizing the Home Front:

## Japanese and British Domestic Propaganda in World War Two

**Monday 30th September 5pm-7pm**

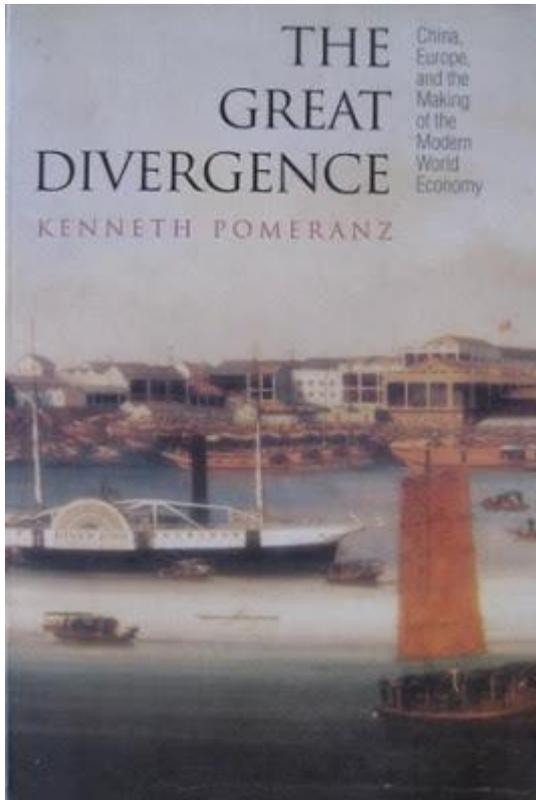
ROOM A102, Samuel Alexander Building

*As island nations that suffered bombing raids, food shortages, and the need to recruit soldiers and labourers to support a state of "total war," Britain and Japan shared a number of similarities during World War Two. Both nations employed extensive propaganda to rally the home front, directing particular attention to women and children, whose labour and sacrifices were so necessary for the successful execution of the war. This presentation will compare the propaganda strategies used by the Japanese and British governments to mobilize non-combatants, with a focus on conceptions of gender, class and age.*

Sharalyn Orbaugh is Professor and Graduate Chair of Asian Studies at the University of British Columbia. Recent publications include *The Japanese Literature of the Allied Occupation* (Brill, 2007), "Emotional Infectivity: The Japanese Cyborg and the Limits of the Human" (*Mechademia* 3, 2008), "Future City Tokyo, 1909 and 2009" (*Science Fiction and the Prediction of the Future*, 2011), and *Propaganda Performed: Kamishibai in Japan's Fifteen Year War* (forthcoming spring 2014).

7-2-2013

Professor Kenneth Pomeranz: Revisiting the Great Divergence



**Public Lecture, 13 February 2013 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm University Place, Theatre A** Hosted by the Centre for Chinese Studies and Department of History

24-1-2013

Chinese History and the Politics of Charity

**Dr Pierre Fuller (History) speaks in a free public talk at The Kanaris Theatre, The Manchester Museum, on Wednesday 30 January (1pm - 2pm).**



Chronic famine, war and revolution have struck China over the last two hundred years. The 19th and 20th century explosion in journalism, published memoirs and other media depicting such events has helped make the Chinese experience synonymous in the Western imagination with struggle and sacrifice. But to what extent have institutions and practices existed in Chinese communities to mitigate or forestall suffering? How have these customs changed in China's modern period? And to what extent do Chinese today share in the bleak Western view of their own past? This talk explores the vibrant traditions of charity and poor relief in the Ming and Qing dynasties as revealed by China's rich historical record, as well as the changes wrought to them in the turbulent modern period when missionary and revolutionary programs helped erase memory of the country's humanitarian legacies. Historians have only just begun filling in the huge gaps in our current knowledge of this fundamental area of traditional Chinese culture, which, understood properly, should help us anticipate what lies ahead as Chinese again look to their past to navigate their increasingly post-socialist present. The Confucius Institute public talks are free and open to all. There is no need to book, just come along on the day.