

Hist 104, Lecture 14: Japanese Empire Building

0. Keywords

South Manchurian Railway Company, The Manchurian Incident, The Second Sino-Japanese War (1937-45), The Nanjing Massacre, Tripartite Alliance, Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere

1. Foundations for a New Japanese State and Empire

- a. From “Leaving Asia” to “Entering Asia”
- b. Toward a “Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere”

2. Korea

- a. Institution-building and military rule, 1910-1919
- b. Economic development and cultural persuasion, 1919-1936
- c. Totalitarian control and Japanization, 1936-1945

3. Manchuria

- a. South Manchurian Railway Co. and Japanese settlers, 1906-
- b. Kwantung Army's political control of Manchuria, 1928-
- c. Manchurian Incident (Sept. 1931); establishment of puppet state of Manchukuo, 1932

4. Aggression on the Continent and the Undeclared War against China

- a. Marco Polo Bridge Incident, July 7, 1937
- b. The Nanjing Massacre, December 13, 1937 (+ several weeks)
- c. Japanese southern advance into China

5. War against the Allies

- a. Tripartite Alliance with Germany and Italy (fall 1940)
- b. U.S. embargoes steel and demands withdrawal of Japanese from China
- c. Japan attacks U.S. fleet at Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941