

Lecture 01:

“Origins of War in East Asia”

1) Colonial competition & the imperatives of modernization

- a) First Sino-Japanese War (1894-95)
- b) Russo-Japanese War (1904-05): Korea and South Manchurian RR
- c) WWI: Acquired more rights in Chinese territories
- d) Greater designs on the continent; The Manchurian Incident (1931)

2) Different takes on Japanese expansion throughout Asia:

- a) Necessary and proper development for modernizing state (a Japan view)
- b) Aggressive invasion breaching sovereignty of others (a China/Asian view)
- c) Might have been necessary, but no longer “proper” (a western powers view)

3) Discuss excerpts from *Japan at War*

(See Document 01)