

HU-UMA Workshop

# Post-imperial Political Ecosystems

The Rise and Fall of American and Soviet Hegemonies  
in the Twentieth Century Middle East

## DAY1 Monday, March 16

10:15-10:30 **Opening Remarks** by David Mednicoff and Norihiro Naganawa

10:30-12:00 **The Start of the Long Twentieth Century**

Jonathan Wyrzten, Yale University **Online**

Norihiro Naganawa, SRC

Chair: Yoko Aoshima, SRC

14:00-15:30 **Kazakhstan in Transition and Motion**

Regine Spector, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Chieko Hirota, SRC

Chair: Viktoriia Antonenko, SRC

15:45-17:15 **National Boundaries as an Imperial Legacy**

Taro Tsurumi, University of Tokyo **Online**

Sultan al-Amer, Harvard University

Chair: Yoichi Isahaya, SRC

## DAY2 Tuesday, March 17

10:30-12:00 **Iran between External and Internal Challenges**

Janko Šćepanović, Shanghai International Studies University **Online**

Tomoyo Chisaka, Hokkaido University

Chair: David Mednicoff, University of Massachusetts-Amherst/Harvard University

14:00-15:30 **Cold War Entanglements**

Samuel J. Hirst, Bilkent University **Online**

Yudai Ri, SRC

Chair: Katsuya Okabe, SRC

15:45-17:15: **Where Are We Heading For?**

David Mednicoff, University of Massachusetts-Amherst/Harvard University

Keiko Sakai, Chiba University

Chair: Norihiro Naganawa, SRC

Date & Time

March 16 and 17, 2026  
10:15 AM to 5:15 PM

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