

Center for Chinese Studies and Confucius Institute at UHM,
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jointly present

“Critical Perspectives on the Nanjing Massacre”

A Roundtable Panel

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and David Cohen, UHM Richardson School of Law / EWC

Moderator: Ming-Bao Yue, UHM East Asian Languages & Literatures

Center for Korean Studies Auditorium, UH Mānoa

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Popular discourses on the “Rape of Nanking (Nanjing)” or the “Nanking Massacre” that happened during the second Sino-Japanese war continue to capture the American imagination while also fueling rampant nationalism in both China and Japan, and within diasporic communities in the U.S. The six-week massacre began on December 13, 1937, shortly after Japanese troops captured the city of Nanking, then capital of the Republic of China. Although there is some debate on the exact number of Chinese being killed and raped, some estimates are as high as 340,000 and 80,000, respectively. This panel offers a literary, historical, and legal re-conceptualization of this controversial and complex event that is considered one of the more brutal and notorious war crimes in human history.

The university community and public are cordially invited to attend.

Readings are available on request (china@hawaii.edu).

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