Course description
Though fascism was a powerful force in 1930s Japan, there was no single or unified fascist movement. Rather, there were many fascisms, with different programs, different agents, different sites of action. Though the various goals of this multi-dimensional movement were often at odds with one another, what fascism shared was a consciousness of overwhelming crisis and a conviction that radical, fundamental transformation was needed to break out of the deadlock. The goal of the course is to better understand the relationship between crisis in the realms of economy, society, and polity and the turn to fascism—why it was that political and cultural elites saw fascism as the solution to the multi-fronted crisis of the early 1930s.

The following required readings have been ordered for purchase at the University Book Store:
- IENAGA Saburo, The Pacific War (Pantheon 1978)
- Ben-ami Shillony, Revolt in Japan (Princeton, 1973)
- Kerry Smith, A Time of Crisis (Harvard, 2001)
- Emiko Ohnuki-Tierney, Kamikaze, Cherry Blossoms, and Nationalisms (University of Chicago, 2002)

All other readings are available in a course pack on sale at the Humanities Copy Center, 1650 Humanities Bldg, 263-1803. The copy center is open Monday through Friday 7:45-11:45 and 12:30-4:10. Pay in check or cash.

Requirements
- Read weekly assignments
- One-page electronic memo posted on class list by 4 pm Tuesday (15%)
- Read weekly posts of class members
- Participate actively in class discussion (15%)
- Jointly lead discussion for one class session (15%)
- 10-12 page final paper (40%)
- Participate in student conference (15%)
Class schedule

January 21  introduction

January 28  the fifteen year war
Read: IENAGA Saburo, The Pacific War, all (UBS)

February 4  culture of fascism I
Read: Alan Tansman, ed, The Culture of Japanese Fascism, essays by Tansman, Doak, Torrance, Tansman, Brandt, Aso, Skabelund, Gerow, Baskett (CP)

February 11  culture of fascism II
Read: Alan Tansman, ed, The Culture of Japanese Fascism, essays by Takenaka-O’Brien, Reynolds, Locklyer, Schattschneider, Corn yetz, Reichert, Vincent, Dorsy (CP)

February 18  agrarian crisis
Read: Kerry Smith, A Time of Crisis, pp. 1-134, 269-352 (UBS)

February 25  agrarian fascism
Read: Thomas Havens, Farm and Nation in Modern Japan (Princeton, 1974), pp. 3-14, 163-180, 190-274; Louise Young, Japan’s Total Empire (Berkeley, 1998), pp. 352-411 (CP)

March 3  fascism debate

March 10  research methods **meet at Memorial Library**
Due: paper proposal

March 24  the new order in Asia
March 31  inside the co-prosperity sphere
Read: Ethan Mark, Appealing to Asia: Nation, Culture, and the Problem of Imperial Modernity in Japanese-occupied Java, 1942-45, pp. 1-149, 280-387 (CP)

April 7  military radicalism
Read: Ben-ami Shillony, Revolt in Japan (Princeton, 1973), all. (UBS)

April 14  intellectuals and the state

April 21  the special attack forces: kamikaze
Read: Emiko Ohnuki-Tierney, Kamikaze, Cherry Blossoms, and Nationalisms (University of Chicago, 2002), all. (UBS)

April 28  Student Conference: Session I

May 5  Student Conference: Session II