

*** * Sino-Japanese News * ***

Informal Panel on First Sino-Japanese War (1894-95). In conjunction with the annual meeting of the Sino-Japanese Studies Group which meets each year during the convention of the Association for Asian Studies, Samuel Chu (Ohio State University) has taken the initiative and proposed a focused discussion of the Sino-Japanese War of 1894-95. When we meet in March 1993, it will be the 100th year since the fateful commencement of that war which, arguably, set the agenda for East Asian relations for the next century.

After our business meeting which should take no longer than 30 minutes, we will turn the meeting over to a panel on this subject organized by Bonnie Oh (University of Maryland). After three relatively brief presentations (see below), everyone is invited to participate in a free-flowing discussion of this seminal event in the history of modern Sino-Japanese relations. The panelists, though not necessarily in this order, and their topics are as follows:

Bonnie B. C. Oh, "Yuan Shih-k'ai in Korea on the Eve of the Sino-Japanese War of 1894-1895."

Allen Y. L. Fung (Harvard University), "China's Failure Reconsidered: An Analysis of the Chinese Army and Chinese Military Culture during the Sino-Japanese War (1894-1895)."

Samuel C. Chu, "Evolving Historiography of the War: Japan and China."

If possible, Arthur Waldron (Naval War College) will moderate, and Joshua Fogel will lead the discussion.

In past years we have often thought of conducting topical discussions of this sort during the time allocated for our yearly meeting. Thanks to Samuel Chu, we can do so this March in Los Angeles. Check the published program of the AAS meetings for time and place.

Panels at AAS Concerning Sino-Japanese Studies. The most recent issue of the Asian Studies Newsletter lists the names of all panels for the program at the annual meetings of the AAS in Los Angeles, in late March 1993. The names of the organizers are given as well. However, as has become the tendency in our field over the past decade or so, it is all but impossible to guess what the content of these panels will be. Disguising substance in cute titles has become the

rule rather than the exception, and thus attempting to indicate which panels will actually deal with Sino-Japanese issues would be precarious at this point. When a fuller elaboration of the program with all the papers and their (undoubtedly obfuscatory) titles is distributed, I will try to do so. If anyone who has organized or is participating on a panel that will have a Sino-Japanese angle would like their panel highlighted in the next issue of SJS, please write and let me know.

We need interested members to continue applying for panels with Sino-Japanese themes. I know of several submissions this year that were rejected by the program committee, which only means we need to redouble our efforts.

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Corrections to SJS 4.2

p. 3, l. 9 from bottom: "expect" should be "suspect"
p. 5, l. 4: "coice" should be "choice"
p. 5, l. 10: "fom" should be "from"