This series of lectures presents topics on the environments of East Asia from a historical perspective with a focus on human and natural resources (water, forestry, agriculture, transportation, human displacements...). The series stems from the urge to go beyond the limits of imperial/national history and to observe how different East Asian societies and regional entities dealt with human and natural resources from the premodern period to the present day. From a social standpoint, we aim at enabling the potential of Asian environmental histories to inform the quest for just and sustainable futures.

4 APRIL, 2.00 PM (online)
Ling Zhang
Boston College
Geoengineering an Empire. The Consumptive Mode of Analysis and China’s Medieval Economic Revolution

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Yuan Julian Chen
Duke University
Militarizing Nature in Medieval Warfare: A Case Study from Medieval China. 960-1125
Ian M. Miller
St. John’s University
Fir and Empire: Forestry, the State, and the Market in Early Modern China

5 MAY, 3.00 PM (onsite, online)
Jörg Henning Hüsemann
Leipzig Universität
Patterns of Nature - Environment in Agricultural Writings of Early Modern China

18 MAY, 5.30 PM (online)
Jakobina Arch
Whitman College
Sailing, Whaling, and Shipwrecks: Integrating Coastal Waters into the History of Tokugawa Japan

19 MAY 5.30 PM (online)
David Fedman
University of California, Irvine
Seeds of Control: Japan’s Empire of Forestry in Colonial Korea

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