



Wednesday 7 March 2018 International Seminar
**Weapons of Mass Destruction
and US Foreign Policy
in the Middle East**

—— Genealogy of Pariah Weapons ——

[Date and time] Wednesday 7 March 2018, 6:30PM-8:30PM (Venue opens at 6:00PM)

[Venue] Room 4021, Second Floor, Global Front Building, Meiji University

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[Entry fee] Free

[Seating capacity] Maximum 45 seats

[Registration] Pre-register before 6 March 2018 using the link below. We will close the registration when the number of applicants reaches the capacity. Your information will be kept confidential by the Arms and Civil Society Research Forum and will be used to provide you with information on its events.

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***The seminar will be held in English ONLY without translation.**

[Panelists]

Speakers

Dr. Ido Oren, Associate Professor, University of Florida

“Historicizing the Concept ‘Weapons of Mass Destruction’”

Dr. Michelle Bentley, Senior Lecturer, Royal Holloway, University of London

“Trump and the Taboo: US Foreign Policy, Syria, and Chemical Warfare”

Chair: Dr. Tamara Enomoto, Research Fellow, Meiji University Research Institute for the History of Global Arms Transfer

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[About the speakers]



Dr. Ido Oren is Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Florida. His research interests range from IR theory, international security affairs, and U.S. foreign policy, through the history and sociology of American political science and IR, to interpretive methods of political research. Oren’s book, *Our Enemies and US: America’s Rivalries and the Making of Political Science*, was published by Cornell University Press and translated into Chinese and Japanese. His articles have appeared in journals such as *International Security*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *Review of International Studies*, *International Studies Review*, and *Perspectives on Politics*. Oren is a former Vice President of the International Studies Association.



Dr. Michelle Bentley is Senior Lecturer in International Relations and Director of the Centre of International Public Policy (CIPP) at Royal Holloway, University of London, UK. Her research interests include: US foreign policy, strategic narratives/norms, and weapons of mass destruction. She has published two sole-authored books: one analysing WMD (as pariah weapons) and the strategic use of political concepts; and a second entitled *Syria and the Chemical Weapons Taboo: Exploiting the Forbidden*, looking at US foreign policy on the Syrian crisis. She has co-edited two volumes on the Obama administration. Her research is also published in prominent journals, including *Security Studies*, *Review of International Studies*, and *International Affairs*.

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In recent decades the rhetoric of US foreign policy in the Middle East has often centered on pariah weapons. The danger of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) was the Bush administration's chief justification for the 2003 invasion of Iraq. The Obama administration's rhetoric on the Syrian civil war prominently drew a redline separating mass destructive chemical weapons from conventional arms. And president Trump cited the Assad regime's "horrible chemical attack on innocent civilians" to justify a punitive airstrike on a Syrian air base. Critics of these policies have contested the accuracy and merit of the administrations' claims, but they stopped short of raising questions about the rhetorical construction and function of these claims. How did the rhetorical trope WMD emerge and how did it come to include chemical and other non-atomic weapons? How did the meaning of this concept change over time? How do pariah weapons influence politics in the Middle East, as opposed to conventional forms of warfare? Has the use, or threatened use, of pariah weapons changed international responses to Middle East crises? How did the repetitive talk of WMD by the Bush administration and the media construct a grave sense of Iraqi threat as much as it described such a threat? How did president Obama's redline rhetoric serve his interest in avoiding intervention in the Syrian civil war?

These questions will be discussed on Wednesday, 7 March 2018, at an open seminar titled, "Weapons of Mass Destruction and US Foreign Policy in the Middle East: Genealogy of Pariah Weapons." The seminar is sponsored by the Meiji University Research Institute for the History of Global Arms Transfer and co-sponsored by the Arms and Civil Society Research Forum. Our guest speakers will be Dr. Ido Oren, Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Florida, and Dr. Michelle Bentley, Senior Lecturer in International Relations at Royal Holloway, the University of London.



2018年3月7日(水) 国際セミナー
大量破壊兵器とアメリカの中東外交
 ——パリア・ウェポンズの系譜学——

昨年、明治大学国際武器移転史研究所は、新たな国際共同研究プロジェクト「パリア・ウェポンズ」(Pariah Weapons)を立ち上げました。本プロジェクトは、特定の兵器をパリア(他の兵器に比べて特段に憎悪すべきもの)と見做す発想や認識枠組みの構築と変遷の歴史を解き明かし、「大量破壊兵器」「非人道兵器」といったカテゴリーの構築と変遷に対しても歴史的検証を加えるものです。

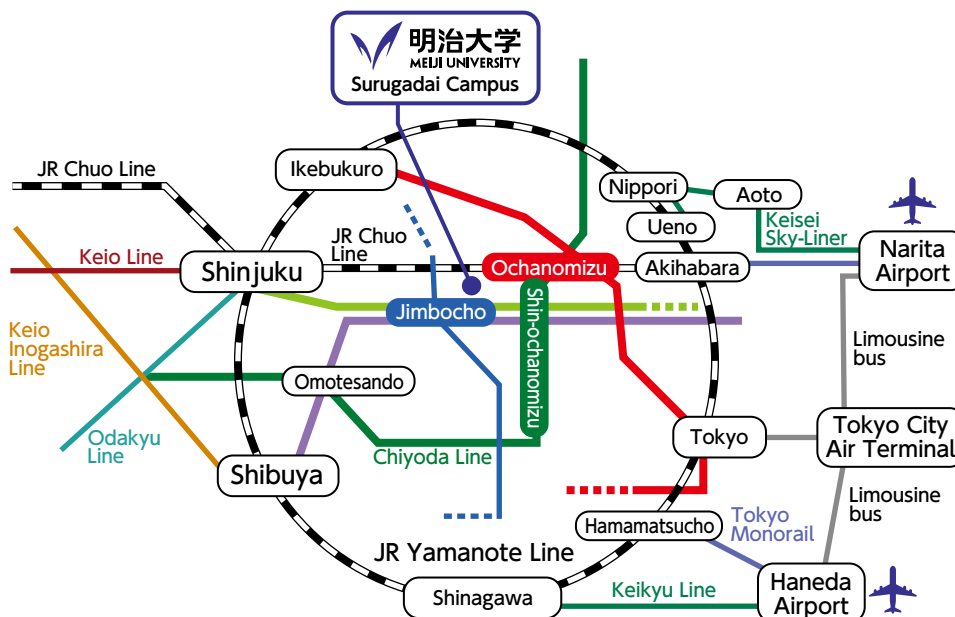
近年のアメリカの中東外交では、しばしば「パリア・ウェポンズ」をめぐるレトリックが用いられてきました。例えば、ブッシュ政権は2003年のイラク攻撃を正当化するにあたって、イラクによる大量破壊兵器開発の脅威を強調しました。続くオバマ政権は、シリア紛争への対応において、「大量破壊兵器である化学兵器」を通常兵器とは根本的に異なると捉え、アサド政権による化学兵器の使用を「レッドライン」に設定しました。現在のトランプ政権も、アサド政権軍による「無辜の市民に対するおぞましい化学兵器攻撃」を根拠として、シリアの空軍基地を巡航ミサイルで攻撃しました。

このようなアメリカの政策については、インテリジェンスの正確さや政策の有用性を吟味するだけでなく、これらの政策を正当化するのに用いられたレトリックがいかに構築され、機能したのかを検証することも必要不可欠です。そもそも大量破壊兵器という概念はどのように形成され、なぜ化学兵器や生物兵器がそれに含まれると理解されるようになったのでしょうか?通常兵器とは区別される「大量破壊兵器」という概念は、アメリカなどの中東外交にいかなる影響を及ぼしてきたのでしょうか?

今回の国際セミナーでは、こうした問いについて、フロリダ大学政治学科准教授のイド・オレン氏とロンドン大学ロイヤル・ホロウェイ校上級講師のミシェル・ベントレー氏に御報告いただきます。みなさまのご参加をお待ちしております。

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