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**On the Transnational Destruction of Cities**  
What Japan Learned from the Bombing of Germany and Britain in World War II

How did it become “normal” to bomb cities and civilians? Focusing on the aerial bombardment of Japan in 1945, this talk spotlights the role of transnational learning in the construction of the “home front” in all the belligerents. Not only did each power seek to destroy the enemy’s home front and civilian morale, but they also studied each other’s efforts to defend their own civilians from the air war. It was Japan’s fate to suffer the war’s most lethal firebombing, based on what Germans and Allies had learned by bombing the enemy's cities.

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