Interactions among multiple empires old and new—Chinese, European, Japanese, American—have shaped and reshaped East Asia since the nineteenth century. This interdisciplinary workshop interrogates the multilayered colonial and imperial history of the East Asian present by focusing especially on the decades after World War II, and the expansion of heavily militarized U.S. power in the region. Short presentations of new research aim to stimulate discussion of methods and problems for the critical study of postimperial East Asia.