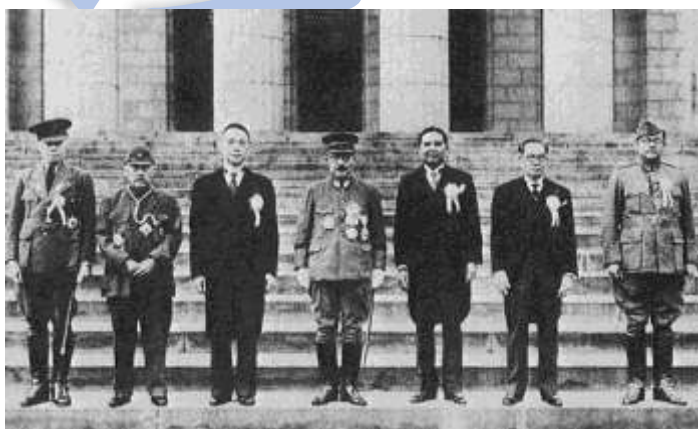


The Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere and the Wars for Asia

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This book talk explores the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere, Japan's ambitious attempt to create a new order in East and Southeast Asia during World War II. I highlight the Sphere as the epitome of two broader conflicts. On the one hand, the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity 'sphere constituted a total war among empires for a new

type of international order, one that Japanese elites blindly groped toward as the World War II in Asia progressed. The Sphere also served as the site of a political war, wherein nationalist leaders in Southeast Asia jockeyed for agency and a say in the region's future.

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