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Angry Ghosts: 1900's Boxer Crisis as Global History Dr. Jeff Wasserstrom 17:30-19:00, Oct. 31, 2013 Room 10-301, Sophia University

This illustrated talk, given by <u>Jeffrey Wasserstrom</u>, Chancellor's Professor of History at UC Irvine and editor of the Journal of Asian Studies, will focus on the international and comparative dimensions of the Boxer Crisis of 1900, which began with a brutal rising by anti-Christian Chinese insurgents and ended with a brutal invasion of China by troops linked to six European powers, the United States and Japan. Among the themes to be addressed are the ways that different catastrophic aspects of the events of 1900 have been emphasized and downplayed in Chinese and foreign presentations of the Boxer Crisis in textbooks, journalism, and various forms of popular media, from films and novels to performances by Buffalo Bill's troupe and an episode of the Buffy the Vampire Slayer television show. Also to be explored are the ways that memories of and stories about the Boxers have affected Chinese relations with other powers up to the present.

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