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## **PROFESSOR ANDREW GORDON**

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History Reflected by Disaster: Perceptions of Tohoku's History in the Archive of the March 2011 Disaster

Date: 23 October 2014 (Thursday)

Time: 15:00 – 16:30

Venue: C2, T. C. Cheng Building, CUHK Language: English

**Speaker Biography:** Andrew Gordon is the Lee and Juliet Folger Fund Professor of History at Harvard University. His teaching and research focus on modern Japan and he has lectured Japan's premodern history and courses on comparative history of labor. His most recent publication is *Fabricating Consumers: The Sewing Machine in Modern Japan* (University of California Press, 2011), addresses the emergence of the modern consumer and the rise of the middle class in Japan through the lens of the introduction and mass production of the sewing machine. An earlier book, *Labor and Imperial Democracy in Prewar Japan* (University of California Press, 1991) won the John King Fairbank Prize in 1992 for the best book on

modern East Asian history. His textbook, *A Modern History of Japan*, was published in fall 2002 by Oxford University Press, and in Japanese, Chinese, and Korean translations. Professor Gordon has served as chairof the Harvard History Department (2004-07) and Director of the Reischauer Institute for Japanese Studies (1998-2004 and 2011-2012). In 2014 he was elected as member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

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