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The 45th Stockholm Seminar on Japan

▶ Patterns of Japanese War Memories as Depicted in Postwar Japanese War Films

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During the allied occupation of Japan, a strong regime of media control was in force, under which the Japanese film world was directed to make films dealing with the wartime period in a way that was in line with the American interpretation of a 'Pacific War' and the verdict of the Tokyo Tribunal. However, immediately after the occupation forces had left the country the battle for the collective war memory of the Japanese people flared up. Films by leftist directors focusing on the grimness and cruelty of the war continued to be made, but they found a formidable foe in production companies such as Shin-Toho which started to portray the war in a more positive manner. In this seminar, Dr Stegewerns will analyze the main themes and settings, and the historical background of this body of post-occupation Japanese re-enactments of the Second World War, and will trace continuities and changes with Japanese war films of the last ten years.

Dick Stegewerns is associate professor in modern & contemporary Japanese studies at the University of Oslo. He was trained at Leiden University and Kyoto University. He has published extensively both in English and Japanese, his main publications being *Nationalism and Internationalism in Imperial Japan* (2003), *Adjusting to the New World – Japanese Opinion Leaders of the Taishō Generation and the Outside World* (2007) and *Yoshida Kijū – 50 Years of Avant-Garde Filmmaking in Postwar Japan* (2010).

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