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The Great Families in Confucian Korea

A talk by ICS fellow and
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2:30 to 3:45pm

Thursday March 30, 2000
Assembly Room, McFall Center



Professor Kawashima will speak on his current book-in-progress about the great families of Confucian Korea.

How did the great families capitalize on the new Confucian principle of merit to extend their influence?

Where did the great families reside and how did they maintain their power in Confucian Korea?

How did they transform village communities into important Confucian cultural zones?

Why did the great families of the Choson Dynasty continue to regard daughters, wives, and mothers as equally important as sons, husbands and fathers, despite Confucian legislation against women?



What role did the great families play in ushering modern Korea into the age of cultural nationalism in opposition to both Western imperialism and Japanese colonialism?

Professor Fuji Kawashima is an internationally recognized scholar on yangban descent groups in Confucian Korea. He has held Visiting Professorships at Koryo and Yonsei Universities in Korea, at International Christian University and Hiroshima Jogakuin University in Japan, and at Tubingen University in Germany. For his many articles and book chapters on Korea, he has been recognized as a Fulbright Senior Scholar and as a Korea Foundation Research Scholar. He is currently finishing a book on Great Families in Confucian Korea.



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