

The Center for Cold War Studies and International History presents a free public lecture by

Masuda Hajimu

Assistant Professor of History
National University of Singapore

PURITY & ORDER

Toward Social-
Cultural
Understandings
of the Cold War
World, 1950-1953



What was the Cold War? Prof. Masuda Hajimu argues that it was more than an international confrontation between West and East blocs. It was also a social mechanism of purity and ordering at home, in the chaotic post-WWII world. The suppression of counterrevolutionaries in China, the White Terror in Taiwan, the Red Purge in Japan, McCarthyism in the United States—these were not merely end results of the Cold War, but forces that brought the Cold War into being, as ordinary people throughout the world strove to silence disagreements and restore social order under the mantle of an imagined global confrontation.

Tuesday, Oct 20, 4 pm, HSSB 4020