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SITE FIGHTS

HOW LOCATIONS ARE CHOSEN FOR CONTROVERSIAL PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

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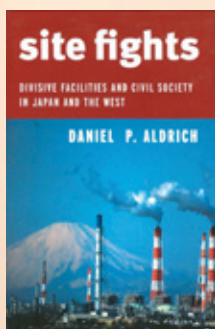
"One of the most vexing problems for governments is building controversial facilities that serve the needs of all citizens but have adverse consequences for host communities. Policy makers must decide not only where to locate often unwanted projects, but also what methods to use when interacting with opposition groups. In my project, I gather evidence from cities and villages across Japan to show that planners deliberately seek out acquiescent and unorganized communities for such facilities in order to minimize conflict. When protests arise over nuclear power plants, dams, and airports, state agencies regularly rely on the coercive powers of the modern state, such as land expropriation and police repression. Only under pressure from civil society do policy makers move toward financial incentives and public relations campaigns. Japanese civil society has had a more powerful impact on public policy than many scholars and observers realize."

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Location: 5-9-16 Shinjuku, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, 3rd Floor

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People interested in reading up on this issue can purchase Dr. Aldrich's book on this topic entitled SITE FIGHTS from Amazon. Copies will also be available for purchase at the lecture, and there will be a book signing by the author after the lecture.

The presentation will be given in English. The event is open to the public.

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