

# HISTORY WORKSHOP

in **TECHNOLOGY, SOCIETY and CULTURE**

The Department of History  
announces a luncheon talk  
by

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## The Logic of the Burnable City: Fire and Property in Edo-Tokyo, 1600-1900

Japan's capital from 1600, the city of Edo grew to be the largest city in the world by 1700. Large areas of the city were destroyed by fire on average every five or six years. How did inhabitants cope with the constant threat of conflagration? What implications did the city's flammability have for governance and the maintenance of property? This presentation will explore the social and political effects of a radically unstable built environment.

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

12:30-1:45 p.m.

203 John Munroe Hall

This workshop is free and open to the public.

Please come and bring your lunch!