

Lecture 17

Warring States and the Road to Reunification I

0. Intro

- The onset of the Warring States period (Sengoku jidai)
- Transformations of people, power, and authority in late Muromachi

1. Shifting sources of power & authority: growth of regional autonomy

- a. Onin War (1467–77)
- b. The evolution of the **daimyo**
- c. Local autonomy in peasant communities: *ikki* (village coalitions)

2. Sengoku–daimyo and the peasants: building local public authority

- a. Cadastral surveys to fix peasants to land
- b. Redefinition of *kajishi–shiki* (“added rent rights”)
- c. Peasant labor to improve land