

* * Sino-Japanese News * *

The Sino-Japanese Studies Group met at the AAS meetings in Boston this past March to discuss Douglas Reynolds's book, China, 1898-1912: The Xinzheng Revolution and Japan. It was a lively discussion for about 90 minutes. Roughly 30 persons attended the meeting, and it was generally agreed that it was the best session we have yet had. We plan to do something along these lines for the meetings next year in Washington, DC. If anyone knows of a book or article that might provide us with a good theme for discussion, please let me know as soon as possible.

New Series. Although not explicitly concerned with Sino-Japanese, a new series of seven volumes, Ajia kara kangaeru アジアから考える [From the Perspective of Asia], is now being published by Tokyo University Press. On the basis of pre-publicity information, I mistakenly reported (SJS V.2, p. 11) on this series earlier. Each volume, of which four have now come out, takes up a theme, which is then addressed by a host of authors working in East, South, and Southeast Asian history and social science. Each volume also has one or more foreign authors. The four editors of the series are: Mizoguchi Yūzō 溝口雄三, Hamashita Takeshi 浜下武志, Hiraishi Naoaki 平石直昭, and Miyajima Hiroshi 宮嶋博史. The seven volumes are given below with their subtitles:

1. Kōsaku suru Ajia 交錯するアジア [Asia Entangled]
2. Chiiiki shisutemu 地域システム [Local Systems]
3. Shūen kara no rekishi 周縁からの歴史 [Histories from the Peripheries]
4. Shakai to kokka 社会と国家 [Society and the State]
5. Kindaika zō 近代化像 [Images of Modernization]
6. Chōki shakai hendō 長期社会変動 [Long-term Social Changes]
7. Sekai zō no keisei 世界像の形成 [The Formation of Images of the World]

Inasmuch as Japanese book titles are becoming just as opaque as English ones, let me offer, by way of example, the contents of volume four:

Mizoguchi Yūzō, "Introduction: Society and State Formation in Asia"
 Chen Qinan 陳其南, "State Forms and Popular Society in Traditional China"
 Murata Yūjirō 村田雄二郎, "Dynasty, State, Society: The Case of Modern China"
 Terada Hiroaki 寺田浩明, "The Nature of 'Contracts' (yue 約) in the Ming-Qing Legal Order"
 Miyajima Hiroshi, "The Formation of Yangban Society in Korea"
 Kurozumi Makoto 黒住真, "The Ban on Christianity and Early Modern Japan"
 Kim Pong-jin 金鳳珍, "The Organization of Tribute-Trade and Modern State-Formation in Korea"
 Suzuki Masayuki 鈴木昌之, "Myth in the North Korean State"
 Tsuboi Yoshiaki 坪井善明, "'Independence' in Vietnam"

The entire series should be available by the end of this calendar year. All inquiries should go to Tokyo University Press.

The Meiji Studies Conference to be held May 6-8 at Harvard University will have countless panels--five going on simultaneously at most times--and assorted plenary sessions. Among them will be one panel of Sino-Japanese interest on Kangaku 漢学 or China Studies in the Meiji period. The three papers will deal with Shigeno Yasutsugu 重野安綱, Naitō Konan 内藤湖南, and Kano Naoki 狩野直喜.