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IBP 2023 Japanese Language Winner

AUTHOR

下條尚志 Shimojyo Hisashi

TITLE

国家の「余白」——メコンデルタ 生き残りの社会史

The “Margins” of the State: A Social History of Survival in the Mekong Delta

PUBLISHER

京都大学学術出版会 Kyoto University Academic Press, 2021

Hisashi Shimojyo's work on the social history of survival within the multi-ethnic societies of the Mekong Delta is a well-organized, dedicated, and focused work. While looking at the real-life experiences and the impact of socio-political changes on the local communities within their “spaces” and “margins of their states”, Shimojyo also skillfully draws our attention to the disciplinary reading of social histories in the Mekong Delta. This elegantly depicted picture of the intriguing past experiences, survival strategies, and resilient presences of local communities in the Mekong Delta is an essential contribution to ethnographic studies both in the Japanese and international literature of the region.



IBP 2023 Japanese Language Shortlist



AUTHOR

シナン・レヴェント
Sinan Levent

TITLE

石油とナショナリズム
Oil and Nationalism

PUBLISHER

人文書院
Jimbun Shoin, 2022

This book, written by a Turkish scholar, who spent nearly a decade studying in Japan, pleasantly surprises the Japanese readers. First, the author's near-perfect command of the Japanese language captivates readers. Secondly, the content of the book is equally intriguing. The author explores Japan's natural resource diplomacy and foreign policy towards the Middle Eastern countries in the post-World War II era, primarily from the perspective of influential figures in the private sector. The author focuses on the often-overlooked ideological motivations of these individuals, concluding that their actions were primarily driven by nationalistic and “Pan-Asiatic” sentiments. While at times the author's analysis may appear overly simplified and biased, his unique perspective on Japanese foreign policy-making offers a fresh stimulation, particularly to specialists in this field.



AUTHOR

戸川 和成
Kazunari Togawa

TITLE

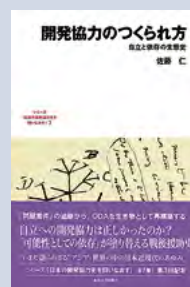
首都・東京の都市政策と
ソーシャル・キャピタル
—— 地域振興と市民活動
5政策のQOLを高め、23
区格差を改善するガバナン
スの実現

Urban Policy and Social
Capital in 23 Special
Wards of Tokyo

PUBLISHER

晃洋書房
Koyoshobo, 2022

Kazunari Togawa, the author of this book, fills a gap in social capital and local government research by presenting comprehensive, theoretical, and empirical analysis. Kazunari provides us with a unique insight into the social capitalism that exists in Tokyo, Japan, by combining large-scale survey data with a variety of analytical techniques. From the perspective of social capital, he elucidated the mechanisms that result in effective local governance for citizens. The study skillfully explores the influence of social capital on the efficiency of urban policy and the previously unknown connection between the two in terms of their effect on the administration of local affairs.



AUTHOR

佐藤 仁
Jin Sato

TITLE

開発協力のつくられ方—
自立と依存の生態史
*The Making of
Development
Cooperation: Ecological
History of Dependency
and Self-Reliance*

PUBLISHER

東京大学出版会
The University of Tokyo
Press, 2021

Jin Sato's work is a thorough, well-organized, and systematically written documentation of the history, present issues, and the future projection of possible and responsible development aid settings. Part of the JICA “History of Japanese Development Cooperation” project, Sato's work presents us a valuable record of multifaceted development aid discourse in the literature with sound case studies from the field. With its focus on the ecological history of dependencies and self-reliance that the cases present, the book provides us with an in-depth analysis of the various aspects of the issue of development cooperation and becomes an essential contribution to the field.



AUTHOR

荻原真子
Shinko Ogiwara

TITLE

いのちの原点「ウマイ」——シベリア狩猟
民文化の生命観
*“Umai”, the Origins
of Life: Views of Life in
Siberian Hunter Cultures*

PUBLISHER

藤原書店
Fujiwara Shoten, 2021

Shinko Ogiwara provides a compelling revisionist account of part of the diffusion of beliefs from the hunter societies of the Eurasian continent into northern Japan in the later Paleolithic Period. In equal parts ethnology, ethnography, religious studies, and cultural anthropology, Ogiwara traces concepts pertaining to the mother goddess of life, “Umai”, and the spiritual world of the Siberian and other peoples. Emphases are on concepts of the unborn and childbirth, and these are convincingly connected to the system of beliefs developing within Japan's Ainu culture. In Ogiwara's account, Eurasian spiritual origins of life are bound to concepts of the mountain god (or rather, goddess) after the development of rice cultivation on the Japanese archipelago.