

2.6.7 Laboratory: Comparative Agricultural History

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	Doctor's program	9
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	Undergraduate	6
	Post-Doctoral fellow	1

A. Research Activities (2009.4-2010.3)

A-1. Main Subjects

a) Research on farm management history

A farm management is the fundamental unit of agriculture. There are various types in farm management, from which are formed some social classes of farmers and the regional agricultural structure. Finally it leads to national agriculture bound to the international relationships. The purpose of our study is to make clear the social dynamic process of the farm management leading the agricultural development, especially by focusing on the technical and economic aspects

b) Comparative study on the land reform in the 20th century.

Based on a mass of studies on both prewar and contemporary Japanese agriculture, we rethink on the historical significance of postwar land reform and "jisaku-nou-taisei", the owner-farmers-system, as a result of land reform in 1946-1950, especially from the viewpoint of the farm management history shown in a).

In addition we are engaged in comparative study on some land reforms in the world and agricultural problems as the results of them, which was performed simultaneously after WW2.. The objects of comparison are land reforms in East-Asian (i.e. Japan, China and Korea) and Europe (i.e. East Germany). Structuring a comparative land reform theory could make clear the significance of the Japanese land reform in the modern world agricultural history.

c) Comparative study on the development of Japanese agriculture.

It is a important subject in current social sciences to rethink the paradigm of modernization, which has been regarded as a universal trend effectual even in another non-European

countries. Reviewing the results of historical studies on Japanese agriculture and peasant society, furthermore comparing it with another Asian countries, we are now engaged in clearing a characteristic of Japanese agriculture in world agriculture types. Our new framework is based on a comprehensive historical knowledge, different from a once presented hypothesis from a viewpoint of agricultural technology.

d) Study on the agriculture and peasant problems in the war-time-system

It has been often emphasized that further historical study is required on the real conditions of agriculture and rural society in the war-time-system 1937-1945. As is shown in the following subjects, "technology, production, and farm management in the war-time-system", "the real situations of rural society under the economic control of the government", "life and farm of Japanese immigrants in Manchuria", we research firstly on the influence of the extreme selective economic policy upon the domestic agriculture, secondly on the influence of both the inflation and the economic control of the government upon the rural society, finally on the political and economical position of domestic agriculture and rural society in the "Japanese empire". Further comparison with German agriculture is well covered in this study, because both Japan and German agriculture in war time is considered to have been in relative common aspects in several points.

e) Research on the German agricultural history in modern-age

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In the traditional research on the German agricultural history we cannot find the sufficient explanation of farm labors, hired-men, and foreign seasonal workers, because there is the dominant idea that farmers and landlords had played the important role in the German modern village. From this viewpoint we study now, 1. on the ethnic problems in the rural village which was represented in the polish seasonal labors in the Wilhemine Era, 2. on the farm labor and Nazism in the rural life, and 3. on the relations between the refugees problem and land reform in East and West Germany after the WW2.

A-2.Publications and presentations

a) Publications

Original Papers

- ADACHI, Yoshihiro: The Paradigm Shift in East German Agricultural History; from the Cold War to Post Cold War Eras, The Natural Resource Economics Review, No. 14, March 2010, pp. 41-62.

Reviews

- ADACHI, Yoshihiro: Oikawa J, The Study of German Agricultural Revolution, Vol.1 , No. 2, Japan Business History Review, Vol. 44, No. 3, Dec. 2009, pp. 79-82. (Book-Review)
- ITO, Atsushi: Kitazaki K, Reclaimed Land and Kanji Kato, Journal of Rural Economics, Vol. 81, No. 3, Dec. 2009, pp. 204-205. (Book-Review)
- NODA, Kimio: To watch now, I want to think about historical individuality of Japan, Agriculture and Economy , Vol.75, No.4, Apr. 2009, p.3
- Ito Atsushi : Articles on Matsushita Sugao (Watanabe Takeo), Ritsumeikan Studies in Language and Culture, Vol. 21, No.1, Aug. 2009, pp.193-200.

Reports

- NODA, Kimio (ed.), A Comparative History of the Agricultural and Forest Resource Development before, during, and after the Second World War, The Report of the JSPS Research Grant (2007-2009), 2010 March, pp.1-58.
- ADACHI, Yoshihiro, German Food Policy and Agricultural Resource Development in the War Time, *ibid.*, pp. 237-270.
- ITO, Atsushi, Wolf Ladejinsky's Recognition of Japan's Agriculture, *ibid.*, pp.191-198.

b) Conference and seminar papers presented

- ITO Atsushi "Wolf Ladejinsky's Recognition of Japan's Agriculture," The 9th Conference of the East-Asian Agricultural History, September 17, 2009, Chonbuk National University, Republic of Korea

A-3.Off-campus activities

Membership in academic societies

- Noda, Kimio : The Agricultural History Society of Japan (a member of committee)
- Adachi, Yoshihiro : The Agricultural History Society of Japan (a member of committee)

Research grants

1. Grants-in-aid for Scientific Research(KAKENHI)

- Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (B) : Noda, Kimio : Comparative Historical Study on the Agricultural and Forest Resources Development from Pre- to Post -World War II.
- Grant-in-Aid for Young Scientists (B) : ITO, Atsushi : Migratory Movements in Rural Japan

A-4.International cooperation and overseas activities

International meetings(country,roles)

- ITO Atsushi :ITO Atsushi “Wolf Ladejinsky’s Recognition of Japan’s Agriculture,” The 9th Conference of the East-Asian Agricultural History, September 17, 2009, Chonbuk National University, Republic of Korea

International joint research, overseas research surveys

- ADACHI, Yoshihiro:

Research Trip for the Study of “the Agricultural Resources Development in modern Germany”, March 2010

B.Educational Activities(2009.4-2010.3)

B-1.On-campus teaching

a) Courses given

- Undergraduate level: Agricultural and Rural History (NODA), Agriculture, Food and Environment in the World I (NODA, et al.), Social Economic History (ADACHI), Basic Sociology & Economics for Agriculture (ADACHI, et al.), Foreign Food & Environmental Economics I (ADACHI), Seminar in Agricultural History I, II, III(NODA, ADACHI, ITO)
- Graduate level: Comparative Study of Agricultural History I, II (NODA), Comparative Study of Economic History (ADACHI), Advanced Seminar in Comparative Study of Agricultural History (NODA, ADACHI, ITO)

B-2.Off-campus teaching etc.

Part-time lecturer

- Noda, Kimio: Kobe University(Rural Society), Okayama University (Rural Society), Ehime University (Agricultural History)

B-3.Overseas teaching

International students

- International students : Master 1 (China)