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# Academic Books Related to Nepal Written in Japanese in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

## INTRODUCTION

This is a bibliography of Japanese academic books related to Nepal in the most recent past. We have decided to include in this bibliography academic books in Japanese related to Nepal (except for translation) published after 2001. This is not because we uncritically follow the millennial milestone of the Western calendar. Nepali and Himalayan studies in Japan in social sciences and humanities until the year 2000 were already reviewed in detail by Hiroshi Ishii in his two review articles (Ishii 1991, 2001), and one can easily download both of them via Internet (see the references below). On the other hand, no systematic review article has been written except on linguistics (Kiryu and Pradeshi 2009) in this century. We hope this bibliography will fill the gap, though it only includes books but not articles. In this version (1.0), we include books published before March 31, 2018.

In compiling this bibliography, we adopted the following basic policies.

- We exclude reports of various research projects (notably reports for Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, the Government of Japan and/or the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science) which are not published through publishing companies. In the same vein, we exclude various JICA reports.
- Also excluded are works of nonfictions such as travelogues written in a non-academic style, including those written by academics, even though some of them, notably a book by Kiyoko Ogura (2007), have been highly influential on academics also.

- We also exclude books that are related to Nepal only indirectly. For instance, Takayama Ryuzo, who is one of the pioneers of Nepali studies in Japan, has published several books on Kawaguchi Ekai, a Japanese monk who visited Nepal from 1899 to 1900 for the first time during his secret journey to Tibet. We exclude them based on our understanding that they are basically books on Kawaguchi studies rather than on Nepali or Tibetan studies.
- Edited volumes in anthropology, human geography, and South Asian studies among other disciplines which contain only one or two articles on Nepal are also excluded.
- For romanization of Japanese titles and author names, we basically use the simplified system (or rather a quasi-system) virtually adopted in many university libraries in Anglophone countries. For the convenience for digital search, we do not use macrons and circumflex accents to indicate long vowels. We do not use an *h* to indicate long vowels either, except for some proper nouns conventionally written with an *h*. The system adopted here is different from the three major romanization systems of Japanese, the Hepburn romanization (in which consonants are transliterated largely based on English writing conventions), the Kunrei romanization (based on Japanese phonology), and the 99-shiki romanization (basically the transliteration of the Japanese *kana*). Note that the treatment of consonants here is largely based on the Hepburn romanization, while the treatment of vowels is not totally consistent.
- We include bibliographic information in Japanese also.
- We add Japanese transliteration and English rendition of the titles of each chapter of edited volumes in case each article in them can be read as an independent academic article rather than a part of a larger whole.
- We add \* to the book titles we translated into English. Some English titles without \* appear either within the book itself or elsewhere. Others were rendered by the author for this bibliography.
- We insert additional information between [ ] if we think necessary. It includes: explanations of the content of the book and/or the author (in case the book title does not seem to fully represent the content of the book); annotations on rendition and romanization; and/or book reviews in English.

We hope that this bibliography will promote further exchanges and collaboration between those scholars who have most often written in Japanese on the one hand, and, on the other, scholars in Nepal and all over the world who worked on Nepal, most of whom do not read Japanese.

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