



Reference Books for Japanese Studies: Selected Works for the Social Sciences

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This list is meant as a supplement to *A Guide to Reference Books for Japanese Studies*, rev. ed. (Tokyo: International House of Japan Library, 1997). It is a selected list of Japanese language reference works relevant to Japanese studies and published since International House volume came out in 1997. The citations below are categorized according to the subject categories in the *Guide's* table of contents.

Excluded from this bibliography are word dictionaries specific to various social science fields, reprint editions, compilations of laws in a specific area, and most government documents (including white papers).

SOCIOLOGY GENERAL

Kindai Nihon Shakaigakusha Shōden: Shoshiteki Kōsatsu

Kawai Takao and Takemura Hideki hen.

Tokyo: Keisō Shobō, 1998.

近代日本社会学者小伝: 書誌的考察

This source covers a broad spectrum of social scientists, providing detailed biographical information and comprehensive bibliographies of their writings.

Nihonjin no Seikatsu Ishiki Chōsa Jōhō Jiten

Takeuchi Hiroshi hen.

Tokyo: Namiki Shobō, 1998.

日本人の生活意識調査情報事典

This is an index to a biannual work, *Ankēto Chōsa Nenkan* (cf. *Guide*, no. 1360), that has been published since 1989. It covers the years 1989-1997.

Shakaigaku Bunken Jiten = Encyclopedia of Basic Books in Sociology

Mita Munesuke et al. hen.

Tokyo: Kōbundō, 1998.

社会学文献事典 = Encyclopedia of Basic Books in Sociology

Like many Japanese language general reference works, this volume is world-wide in coverage but also provides extensive Japan coverage.

SOCIOLOGY

LABOR AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS

Buraku Mondai Jinken Jiten: Encyclopedia of Buraku and Human Rights Issues

Buraku Kaihō Jinken Kenkyūjo.

Osaka-shi: Buraku Kaihō Jinken Kenkyūjo : Hatsubai Kaihō Shuppansha, 2001.

部落問題人権事典: Encyclopedia of Buraku and Human Rights Issues

This is an update of a work issued in 1986 (cf. *Guide* 1379.) It covers not only *burakumin* issues in Japan but also human rights issues in other countries.

Buraku Mondai Jiten = Concise Encyclopedia of Buraku Issues

Akisada Yoshikazu et al. kanshū, Kaihō Shuppansha hen.

Osaka-shi: Kaihō Shuppansha, 1999.

部落問題事典

Unlike the more comprehensive dictionary above, this work covers just the human rights issues of the *buraku* community in Japan.

Jiten, Rōdō no Sekai

Takanashi Akira and Hanami Tadashi, kanshū.

Tokyo: Nihon Rōdō Kenkyū Kikō, 2000.

事典 労働の世界

This work covers the postwar period for Japan and selected foreign countries. It covers labor and social problems, statistics, special terminology, and other topics related to the labor movement.

Kindai Nihon Shakai Undōshi Jinbutsu Daijiten

Kindai Nihon Shakai Undōshi Jinbutsu Daijiten Henshū linkai.

Tokyo: Nichgai Asoshiētsu, 1997.

近代日本社会運動史人物大事典

The multi-volume work (4 v. plus index volume) covers people active in labor and social movements from Meiji to the end of World War II. With 5,000 entries it is much more comprehensive than an earlier work, *Nihon Shakai Undō Jinmei Jiten* (*Guide*, no. 1378). However, the 1,500 entries in the earlier volume tend to provide more detail, so it has not been superseded.

SOCIOLOGY
SOCIAL WELFARE

Seishōnen Mondai no Hon Zenjōhō 45/97

Nichigai Asoshietsu hen.

Tokyo: Nichigai Asoshietsu : Hatsubaimoto Kinokuniya Shoten, 1998.

青少年問題の本全情報 45/97

The scope of this bibliography is broad; it covers youth attitudes and psychology, education, juvenile delinquency, labor, and other issues.

Kōreisha Mondai no Hon: Zenjōhō 82/99

Nichigai Asoshietsu hen.

Tokyo: Nichigai Asoshietsu : Hatsubaimoto Kinokuniya Shoten, 2000.

高齢者問題の本: 全情報 82/99

This is a bibliography to works on Japan's aging society published between 1982 and 1999. While many of the citations are retrievable from online catalogs, the "added value" of subject categorization makes this type of work valuable for the researcher.

SOCIOLOGY
WOMEN'S STUDIES

Josei, Fujin Mondai no Hon Zenjōhō 95/98

Nichigai Asoshietsu hen.

Tokyo: Nichigai Asoshietsu : Hatsubaimoto Kinokuniya Shoten, 1999.

女性婦人問題の本全情報 95/98

This supplements an earlier work *Josei, Fujin Mondai no Hon Zenjōhō 45/94* (cf. *Guide*, no. 1425).

Shintei Gendai Nihon Josei Jinmeiroku

Nichigai Asoshietsu hen.

Tokyo: Nichigai Asoshietsu : Hatsubaimoto Kinokuniya Shoten, 2001.

新訂現代日本女性人名録

A who's who of contemporary Japanese women in all spheres, this biographical dictionary is an update of *Gendai Nihon Josei Jinmeiroku*, 1996.

FOLKLORE & ANTHROPOLOGY
BIBLIOGRAPHIES

Bunka Jinruigaku no Hon Zenjōhō 1994-2001

Nichigai Asoshietsu hen.

Tokyo: Nichigai Asoshietsu : Hatsubaimoto Kinokuniya Shoten, 2002.

文化人類学の本全情報 1994-2001

This source continues the volume covering 1945-1193 (cf. *Guide*, no. 1473).

FOLKLORE & ANTHROPOLOGY DICTIONARIES

Minwa, Mukashibanashi Zenjōhō 92/99

Nichigai Asoshietsu hen.

Tokyo: Nichigai Asoshietsu : Hatsubaimoto Kinokuniya Shoten, 2000.

民話昔話全情報 92/99

Another in the Nichigai bibliographical series, this work provides categorization by region for books published on this topic.

Nihon Minzoku Daijiten

Fukuda Ajio et al.

Yoshikawa Kōbunkan, 1999-2000.

日本民俗大辞典

This two volume work is hard to define. Its emphasis is on the folklore of Japan (rather than an anthropological approach). It therefore aims to cover an impossibly broad area.

Nihon Setsuwa Densetsu Daijiten

Shimura Kunihiro and Suwa Haruo hen.

Tokyo: Bensei Shuppan, 2000.

日本説話伝説大事典

This work addresses an area that is of increasing interest to researchers outside Japan. Its coverage extends from ancient times to the Meiji period.

POLITICS, DIET RECORDS, AND LEGAL PRECEDENTS FOREIGN RELATIONS AND DIPLOMATIC DOCUMENTS

Tainichi Kankei o Shiru Jiten = Cyclopedia of Relations with Japan

Hirano Ken'ichirō.

Tokyo: Heibonsha, 2001.

対日関係を知る事典 = Cyclopedia of Relations with Japan

This handbook covers Japan's relations with both other nations and regional and international organizations (both historical and contemporary data.)

POLITICS, DIET RECORDS, AND LEGAL PRECEDENTS POLITICS

Chūō Shōchō Saihen Gaidobukku 3-han

Chūō Shōchō Kaikaku Kenkyūkai

Tokyo: Gyōsei, 2001.
中央省庁再編ガイドブック 3版

This is one of several guides to the reorganization of the Japanese bureaucracy in 2001. Another title is *Kokka Gyōsei Kikan Soshikizu* (Tokyo: Nihon Jinji Gyōsei Kenkyūjo, 2001).

Kokuritsu Kokkai Toshokan Shozō Kindai Nihon Seiji Kankei Jinbutsu Bunken Mokuroku, 1985-1997.

Kokuritsu Kokkai Toshokan Senmon Shiryōbu.
Tokyo: Kokuritsu Kokkai Toshokan : Hatsubaimoto Kinokuniya Shoten, 2000.
国立国会図書館所蔵近代日本政治関係人物文献目録, 1985-1997.

This bibliography covers 3,500 politicians active at the local and national levels, bureaucrats, diplomats, political thinkers, military officers, and others with a relation to the political scene in Japan from Meiji on.

Nihon Kanryōsei Sōgō Jiten, 1868-2000

Hata Ikuhiko.
Tokyo: Tokyo Daigaku Shuppankai, 2001.
日本官僚制総合事典

This work, by a historian and expert on the Japanese civil service, is a major expansion and update of his earlier book, *Senzenki Nihon Kanryōsei no Seido, Soshiki, Jinji*. (cf. *Guide* 1537.)

Seiji, Gyōsei Mondai no Hon Zenjōhō 45-94

Nichigai Asoshietsu hen.
Tokyo: Nichigai Asoshietsu : Hatsubaimoto Kinokuniya Shoten, 1998.
政治行政問題の本全情報 45-94

This work is notable for its attempt to include gray literature.

Seijigaku Jiten = Encyclopedia of Political Science

Inoguchi, Takashi et al.
Tokyo: Kōbundō, 2000.
政治学事典 = Encyclopedia of Political Science

Edited by a prominent University of Tokyo political scientist and others, this dictionary is primarily for political science in the Japanese context but covers developments in other parts of the world, too.

Gendai Seijigaku Shōjiten

Abe Hitoshi and Uchida Mitsuru.
Tokyo: Yūhikaku, 1999.
現代政治学小事典

This is an update of the 1978 dictionary (cf. *Guide*, no. 1525.)

Gendai Seijika Jinmei Jiten

Nichigai Asoshietsu hen.

Tokyo: Nichigai Asoshietsu : Hatsubaimoto Kinokuniya Shoten, 1999.

Politicians included in this work had to have been elected 1979 or later. It is a relatively inexpensive source for this information for libraries that cannot afford the expensive multi-volume biographies.

Seisaku Nenkan: Kihon Seisaku no Zen'yō

Tokyo: Seisaku Chōsakai.

政策年鑑 : 基本政策の全容

This rather expensive serial started coming out in 1984 (1985 edition). In recent years it has been published annually; the 2002 edition was published in the spring, 2002. It details the political platforms of the major political parties and policies adopted at the local, regional, and national levels.

**POLITICS, DIET RECORDS, AND LEGAL PRECEDENTS
DIET RECORDS**

Kanpō Sōsakuin

Kanpō Chōsakai hen.

Tokyo: Bunka Tosho.

官報総索引

This index provides entrée to the "Official Gazette" of Japan. It is published annually; the 2001 edition (published March, 2002) covers all 2001 issues.

**POLITICS, DIET RECORDS, AND LEGAL PRECEDENTS
MILITARY AFFAIRS**

Nihon Riku-Kaigun Jinmei Jiten

Fukakawa Hideki hencho.

Tokyo: Fuyō Shobō Shuppan, 1999.

日本陸海軍人名辞典

This work covers from the beginning of Meiji to 1945.

**POLITICS, DIET RECORDS, AND LEGAL PRECEDENTS
LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Shichōsonmei Hensen Jiten 3-teiban

Chimei Jōhō Shiryōshitsu hen.

Tokyo: Tōkyōdō Shuppan, 1999.

市町村名変遷辞典 3訂版

This updates a 1993 edition (cf. *Guide*, no. 1615).

**ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS
COMPANY DIRECTORIES AND COMPANY HISTORIES**

Sangyō "Kaisha Nenpyō" Sōran

Yumani Shobō Henshūbu.

Tokyo: Yumani Shobō, 2000-

産業別「会社年表」総覧

Each volume in this extensive series provides chronologies for companies in a specific industry (taken from company histories).

Shashi no Kenkyū = A Study of Company Histories

Murahashi Katsuko.

Tokyo: Daiyamondosha, 2002.

社史の研究 = A Study of Company Histories

This is a handbook for people who want to do research using company histories, which can provide information on not only on the specific company but also on industrial, economic, and social trends.

**ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS
DICTIONARIES**

Keizai Shisōshi Jiten

Keizaigakushi Gakkai hen.

Tokyo: Maruzen, 2000.

経済思想史事典

The scope of this work is international but Japan is covered thoroughly.

**ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS
STATISTICS**

Chihō Tōkei Gaido

Sōmuchō Tōkeikyoku Tōkei Kijunbu hen.

Tokyo: Zenkoku Tōkei Kyōkai Rengokai, 1998.

地方統計ガイド

This guide to prefectural and local statistics provides greater depth than *Tōkei Chōsa Sōran Guide*, (no. 1208) from the same publisher.

Dēta & Data Jōhōgen Jōhō: Kihon Dēta Kensaku Jiten

Nihon Nōritsu Kyōkai hen.

Tokyo: Nihon Nōritsu Kyōkai, 1998.

データ&data情報源情報: 基本データ検索事典

This handbook from a well-known publisher of business information provides a guide to searching for business and especially industry statistics. Its coverage includes statistical sources in the private sector as well as government.

Nihon Keizai Tōkeishū

Nichigai Asoshietsu hen.

Tokyo: Nichigai Asoshietsu : Hatsubaimoto Kinokuniya Shoten, 1999.

日本経済統計集

This is a two volume work covering 1868-1945 (v. 1) and 1946-1970 (v. 2). It is based on the *Nihon Teikoku Tōkei Nenkan* and its successor *Nihon Tōkei Nenkan*, supplemented by information from other government statistical sources. Coverage is not limited to strictly economic statistics; some educational and social statistics are also included.

Minkan Tōkei Gaido

Tokyo: Zenkoku Tōkei Kyōkai Rengokai, 1997.

民間統計ガイド

This is also a guide to statistical sources published by private corporations, industrial organizations, and research institutes. All sources are available to the public (free or for purchase.)

Shichōson Jōhō Sōran

Shichōson Jōhō Nettowaku Sentā hen.

Tokyo: Jyapan Sābisu : Hatsubaimoto Kinokuniya Shoten, 2000.

This is a two volume set (covering eastern and western Japan, respectively) containing hard-to-find statistical contemporary statistical data for villages, towns, and cities.

Sūji de Miru Nihon no 100-nen: 20-seiki ga Wakaru Dētabukku Nihon Kokusei Zue Chōki Tōkei-ban, kaitei dai 4-han

Yano Tsuneta Kinenkai hen.

Tokyo: Kokuseisha, 2000.

数字で見る日本の100年:

20世紀が分かるデータブック日本国勢図会長期統計版、改定4版

The usefulness of this work lies in its broad chronological coverage and handy format. For a more comprehensive look at economic statistics, see *Nihon Keizai Tōkeishū*, above.

EDUCATION

Gendai Kyōikushi Jiten

Kubo, Yoshizō.

Tokyo: Tokyo Shoseki, 2001.

現代教育史事典

Covering mainly the 20th century, this work provides historical information about Japan's school system and educational policies, as well as biographical information on over 160 educators and bureaucrats.

Kyōiku Mondai Jōhō Jiten

Nichigai Asoshiētsu hen.

Tokyo: Nichigai Associates : Hattsubaimoto Kinokuniya Shoten, 2002.

教育問題情報事典

This work is a new edition of work published in 1993 (cf. *Guide*, 1847).

Kyōiku Mondai no 10-nen: Zasshi Bunken Mokuroku 1990-1999

Nichigai Asoshiētsu hen.

Tokyo: Nichigai Associates : Hattsubaimoto Kinokuniya Shoten, 2000.

教育問題の10年: 雑誌文献目録 1990-1999

This is another bibliography of periodical articles, notable for the broad coverage of journals indexed.

Kyōiku Shisō Jiten

Kyōiku Shisōshi Gakkai hen.

Tokyo: Keisō Shobō, 2000.

教育思想事典

This dictionary is unusual in its focus on educational *thought*, which is only touched on tangentially in other reference works on education.