

## HISTORIOGRAPHY OF PSYCHOLOGY IN JAPAN (1)

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It was a fortunate coincidence that about the time the Western psychology began to develop as an independent science, Japan ended her isolation policy and opened her doors to the West. Yujiro MOTORA (1858-1912), the first professor of psychology in Japan, was born in the year when the first commercial treaty was concluded between Japan and the United States of America. He studied experimental psychology under G.S. HALL at Johns Hopkins University and his first psychological study on "Dermal Sensitiveness to Gradual Pressure Change" (1888) was reported in *The American Journal of Psychology*, founded in 1887. When he began to lecture on psychophysics at Tokyo University in 1888, the Japanese students had already access to several psychological books translated from the English, among them HAVEN's *Mental Philosophy* (1875), BAIN's *Mental and Moral Science* (1882), and SULLY's *Teachers Handbook of Psychology* (1887).

The first book on the history of modern psychology published in Japan was the translation of RIBOT's *History of Contemporary German Psychology* (1894). Soon afterwards, two historiographic works were produced by Japanese authors: TANAKA's *History of Psychology* (1899) and NODA's *Contemporary Development of Psychology* (1901). The former traced the developments from LOCKE to the "new" psychology,

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while the latter laid emphasis on the new, experimental psychology itself.

A number of more comprehensive volumes followed: HAYAMI's *Modern Psychology* (1914), UENO & NODA's *History of the Recent Psychology* (1922), NISHIYAMA's *Outline of the History of Psychology* (1927), and NOJIMA's *Elements of the Development of Psychology* (1933). However, MATSUMOTO's *History of Psychology* (1937) was the most important contribution. It became the standard textbook as he was a leading Japanese psychologist of the time, but it included also interesting information on the development of Japanese psychology. Matataro MATSUMOTO (1865-1943) had studied under E.S. SCRIPTURE at Yale University and then under W. WUNDT at the University of Leipzig. After his return to Japan, he established psychological laboratories in both Tokyo University and Kyoto University in 1903 and 1907, respectively. In 1927 he organized the Japanese Psychological Association.

ONOJIMA's *Twelve Lectures on the Latest Psychology* (1930) and CHIBA's *Modern Psychology* (1939) concentrated on the newer trends in German psychology, such as "Gestalt" and "Verstehen" psychology. Mantaro KIDO (1893- ), in his book *The Fundamental Problems of Modern Psychology* (1934), also discussed "Geisteswissenschaft", "Charakterkunde" and "philosophische Anthropologie" as well as psychology. All of these authors studied in Germany after the First World War and diverted themselves from Wundtian psychology.

In the 1940's, there appeared more specialized treatises. WATANABE's *A Study of Kamata-Ho* (1940) was a biography of an outstanding Japanese psychologist of the pre-modern era. KURODA's *Vijnaptimatra Psychology* (1943) and *History of Chinese Psychology* (1944) dealt with the psychological theories of Buddhism, Confucianism and Taoism. YATABE's *History of the Psychology of Will* (1942) and *History of the Psychology of Thinking* (1948) contained a large number of references to Western publications concerned with these two topics.

After the Second World War, there appeared many translations of Western historiographic works, such as those by WARREN (1951), ROBACK (1956), THOMPSON (1957), ZILBOORG (1958), BROWN (1963), GARDNER (1964), WERTHEIMER (1971), THOMSON (1973), YAROSHEVSKII (1973), O'NEIL (1975), TOMAE (1980), ELLENBERGER (1980), REISMAN (1982) and ROBINSON (1983).

There were also important books written by Japanese historians. KIMURA's *Persons and their Theories in Psychology* (1960) stressed the use of biographical data in the history of psychology. IMADA's *History of Psychology* (1962) was one of the most comprehensive as well as authoritative textbook and was widely used. KIDO'S *History of the Problems in Psychology* was the result of his life's work. A part of it was published in 1939 under the title *History of Psychology I*, but the whole work was completed only in 1963. Its title may remind the reader of L.J. PONGRATZ's work bearing a similar title, but KIDO's work was quite original.

MINAMI's *History of the Behavioral Theories* (1974) represented a new kind of historiography. Hiroshi MINAMI (1914- ) has studied at Cornell University in the United States and returned to Japan after the end of the Second World War. He introduced Japanese psychologists to the behavioral sciences, especially the advances in social psychology.

Collaborative works published in the 1970's include *The History and Recent Trends of Psychology* edited by SUENAGA (1971), *The Essence of Modern Psychology* edited by YODA & MOTOAKI (1971), and *The Great Men in Modern Psychology* edited by KOGA (1974).

Several articles were focused on the history of psychology in Japan: "Materials for the History of Japanese Psychology in the Meiji Era" edited by The Tokyo Society for Research on Psychology (1913), MATSUMOTO's "Development of Psychology in Japan" (1933), WATANABE's "Progress of Japanese Psychology" (1952), KIDO's "An Essay concerning the History of Japanese Psychology" (1963) and K. MATSUMOTO's "My Fifty Years in Psychology" (1974). Some of them were written in English: YODA & HIDANO's "Development of Educational Psychology in Japan" (1959), KIDO's "Origin of Japanese Psychology and its Development" (1961) and HOSHINO's "Current Major Trends in Psychology in Japan" (1979).

Three collaborative studies of Japanese psychology appeared recently: *The History of the Fifty Years of the Japanese Psychological Association* edited by TAKUMA (1980), *Trends of Modern Psychology: 1946-1980* edited by HIDANO (1980) and *Japanese Psychology* edited by MIKI & HIDANO (1982). The last one was published to celebrate the 88th birthday of the retired professor Mantaro KIDO.

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#### SUMMARY

The main purpose of this paper is to provide bibliographical information about the literature on the history of psychology published in Japan between 1899 and 1983. It offers also a brief overview of the evolution of psychology in Japan.

The bibliography contains 45 books and 9 journal articles devoted to the history of psychology. Book chapters are omitted.

Except for 3 articles written in English and 17 translations from the Western works, they were originally written in Japanese. But in this paper, all titles are given in English. The original titles are given in the references.

#### RESUMEN

El objeto principal de este trabajo es suministrar información acerca de la literatura existente sobre Historia de la Psicología publicada en Japón entre 1899 y 1983. Asimismo, también ofrece una visión panorámica acerca de la evolución de la Psicología en Japón.

Las referencias bibliográficas contienen 45 libros y 9 artículos de revistas, dedicados a la Historia de la Psicología. Se han omitido los capítulos de los libros.

A excepción de 3 artículos escritos en inglés y 12 traducciones de autores occidentales, los trabajos originales están escritos en japonés. En este trabajo se dan todos los títulos en inglés, sin embargo, los títulos originales aparecen en la bibliografía.



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