

COMPLETION REPORT

My research project focused on the question of how liberal social scientists in Taisho Japan ended up endorsing Japanese imperialism and produced numerous writings on a Pan-Asian and multi-ethnic empire. I was particularly interested in how they developed theories of *minzoku* and the East Asian Community between 1931 and 1945. To conduct this research, I chose leading Japanese sociologists such as Shinmei Masamichi, Kada Tetsuji and Takata Yasuma and traced their writings under the financial support of the Sumitomo Foundation between April 2012 and Sep 2013.

While conducting research in the US, I also paid attention to how their multi-ethnic empire theories influenced American intellectuals as well. As part of this project, I studied the prominent African-American intellectual W.E.B. Du Bois's writings on imperial Japan. On the other hand, I finished my journal draft on Shinmei Masamichi's wartime sociology and the Japanese empire in October 2012 and submitted it to *Social Science Japan Journal*, a leading English Journal in the field of Japan studies.

I continued to conduct research on wartime Japanese sociologists and social scientists. In March 2013, I presented my work on Shinmei Masamichi and Takata Yasuma at the AAS (Association for Asian Studies) annual conference, the biggest conference in Asian studies. While working on my book manuscript along with a journal article, I visited Japan and Korea in summer 2013 and carried out extensive archival research on wartime Japanese social scientists, visiting university libraries and old/rare book stores in Tokyo and Seoul. I focused on obtaining journal articles and primary sources that are not available in the United States.

In September 2013, the journal article I submitted for *Social Science Japan Journal* was accepted for publication and it is scheduled to be published in early 2014. I also plan to finish my book manuscript on wartime Japanese social scientists by March 2014 and contact leading university presses in North America.

Publication of the Results of Research Project:

Verbal Presentation (Date, Venue, Name of Conference, Title of Presentation, Presenter, etc.)

Seok-Won lee, "Between Pan-Africanism and Pan-Asianism: W.E.B. Du Bois's Writings on Japan in the Interwar Period," New York Conference on Asian Studies 2012, State University of New York at New Paltz, New Paltz, New York, September 28-29, 2012.

Seok-Won Lee, "Creating a Multi-ethnic Empire: Social Scientific Discourses on Minzoku in Wartime Japan," in Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, San Diego, California, March 20 -24, 2013

Thesis (Name of Journal and its Date, Title and Author of Thesis, etc.)

Lee, Seok-Won, "Empire and Social Science : Shinmei Masamichi and the East Asian Community in Interwar Japan," *Social Science Japan Journal*, Oxford University Press. (forthcoming, 2014)

Book (Publisher and Date of the Book, Title and Author of the Book, etc.)