

**Ceremony and Punishment in East Asia - inter-disciplinary
research of ritual order and legal order**

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【Outline of survey】

This research addresses the ritual and law which constitute the institutions and thought of East Asia. The reason why we use the terms “ceremony (ritual)” and “punishment” is that we would avoid abstract descriptions like law and rite, and intend to examine their concrete forms. Assuming a coordinate system of ceremony and punishment, we try to bring the following five points into this framework.

- a study of ritual and law codes
- a study of institutions (the legal system, bureaucracy, examinations, etc.)
- a sociological study (customs, gender, society)
- religion, philosophy
- cross-cultural investigation

【Expected results】

The most significant result expected is the expansion of East Asian Studies internationally. We intend to complete following three results so as to achieve this ultimate goal.

- Producing a glossary of East Asian ritual and legal terminology.
- Publishing articles on ritual and punishment in East Asia (in Japanese, English, Chinese and Korean).
- Making a knowledge-base of ritual and law in East Asia

【References by the principal researcher】

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