

Welcome to East Asian forum

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ABSTRACT

Reading Prof. Baik Youngseo's book invites us to join East Asian Forum which does not exist now. To join this forum together with Prof. Baik Youngseo, I have tried to intervene in some of the arguments of Prof. Baik Youngseo. To step in the dialogue between Prof. Baik Youngseo and the Chinese scholar Ge Zhaoguang whose opinion Prof. Baik again and again takes up. By reading a book of Ge Zhaoguang, 'Revisiting China', I try to throw a new light on the arguments about the theory of "double periphery" which is a unique and profound one that Prof. Baik proposes everywhere in his book. Japanese Oriental Studies from the prewar era are introduced in this context. When we Japanese think about Asia, we cannot avoid and pass by them. They are great legacy for us and at the same time they are negative legacy. Some oriental scholars have meticulously examined these oriental studies and scholars such as Naito Konan, Tsuda Sokichi, Kuwabara Jitsuzo. Using these studies, I make a comparison among the Japanese perspective which views critically the pre war orientalist view, Korean perspective which Prof. Paid advocates and the Chinese perspective through Ge Zhaoguana. In this process, I explore the possibility of the points of contact which are the most important elements in the open dicussion.