

## **Comment on the Research on Oriental Legal History by Michisaburo Miyazaki**

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### **Abstract**

Dr. Michisaburo Miyazaki is the pioneer in the field of legal history in modern Japan, whose main research is Japanese legal history and comparative law. There are two stages in his study on oriental legal history. He mainly compares the Japanese legal institution with the Chinese in the first stage, and tries to do the research on Japanese legal history through the comparative East-Asian linguistics in the second one. This change in his research method has led to changes in the object of studies and the problem consciousness. However, his style of study has not changed. As a jurist who has studied in Germany, his thinking may be influenced by the training of modern social science. But he does not apply modern legal concepts and the modern legal system from the West mechanically to the ancient legal institution in the East. He is a successor of the tradition created by the Japanese Sinology and the research on Japanese ancient civilization.

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