

KARINA KLEIBER, *Verzeichnis des deutschsprachigen Japan-Schrifttums 1990-91*. Wien: Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, 1995. 194 pp., ÖS 440,-. ISBN 3-7001-2229-2

Kleiber's cumulative compilation of German language materials on Japan succeeds those published by Susanne Formanek and Peter Getreuer (1989) and Peter Getreuer (1991), already established as standard reference tools in the flowering and expanding field of Japanese studies in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Due to Getreuer's tragic illness and premature death in 1996, the editor, the Austrian Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia, was forced to pass on the baton of compilership in order to avoid further delay of the publication, and Karina Kleiber has done a good job.

Her new bibliography covers the years 1990-1991, containing 2,850 entries (some 300 more than the preceding volume). Though the price of the work has doubled, the design and layout are in line with its predecessors. The printing has considerably improved since 1989, but it is still not perfect. I would recommend at least putting the authors' names in bold letters in order to increase readability.

Entries are listed in alphabetical order of authors or titles; there are no double entries. Author/editor index, title index, keyword index (following the "Bibliography of Asian Studies" subject guide) and the "index of persons dealt with" in the publications (particularly useful for finding reviews) allow for multiple searching strategies.

A weak point of the compilation remains its criteria for including entries. Contrary to the established standard, unpublished M.A. theses are included as well as certain (and by far not all) newspaper articles. I think it advisable (and time saving) to exclude them altogether in further editions. Instead of amassing entries which are often ephemeral and unreliable as sources of information, it would be wiser to restrict their number and provide better indexes.

So far, the three volumes of the "Verzeichnis" have accumulated the data for roughly 10,000 publications of the last 17 years. This is truly impressive, but also raises the problem of handling these data piles. The best solution will perhaps be to publish future volumes on CD-ROM.

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