OISR.ORG and Sources for Labour History in Japan

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OISR.ORG is an official website of the Ohara Institute for Social Research.

OISR.ORG was established in 1996 and renewed in 2015.
History of the Ohara Institute

• The Ohara Institute for Social Research, founded in 1919, is one of the oldest research institutes in the fields of social science in Japan.

• The institute took its name from its founder, Magosaburo Ohara, a wealthy industrialist from Kurashiki, Okayama Prefecture.
History of the Ohara Institute

• In 1949, the institute became affiliated with Hosei University.

• In 1986, the Institute changed its status from an independent foundation to an integral part of Hosei University and moved from the Fujimi campus (at the center of Tokyo) to the university's new Tama campus (in the western suburbs of Tokyo).
Staff (April, 2016-March, 2017)

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Research Professors at the Ohara Institute:
Akira Suzuki (the Japan Labour Yearbook)
Kazue Enoki (Archives and Web site)
Chisa Fujiwara (Journal of Ohara Institute for Social Research)
Yoshihito Shimizu (Environmental Archives)

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Kazuo Nimura, Manabu Mine, Seiichiro Hayakawa, Toshio Aida, Jin Igarashi

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Sources for Labour History in Japan

- Labour union records
- Agrarian union related records
- Proletarian party headquarters documents
- Court records
- Rice riot documents
- Other items: Photographs, posters, badges, flags, and other artifacts.
ポスターコレクション
Posters from the Ohara Institute's Collection.
Fusatarō Takano's American Federation of Labour name card and Association for the Formation of Labor Unions member's card
Sakisaka Library: Covering a wide range of history and literature books related to Marxism, written mainly in Japanese or German, the diverse collection of about 70,000 books, articles, and other documents amassed by Itsuro Sakisaka during his lifetime is held by the Institute.
New collections

- Sakurabayashi (The Industrial Patriotic Society) collection
- Roudoukagaku kenkyujo (The Institute for science of labour) collection

Study of the industrial Patriotic Society (1938-1945)
Labour and life in wartime Japan project
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• The 100\textsuperscript{th} anniversary

• \textit{Labour and life in wartime Japan} (Ohara Institute for Social Research Publication Series, 2017)

• For more information, please visit the Web site at \url{http://oisr.org}.

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