A Series of Studies on Modern Planning History in the USA with A Focus on California

State planning history is an essential part of American planning history, since the USA is a federation of states. However, only few studies have ever focused on it. The purpose of this work was to pick up the state of California, the most populous state in the USA, and to shed light on its planners’ contributions to American planning history, using historical materials in archives including the Bancroft Library of the UC Berkeley. Principal results are as below: Charles H. Cheney tried to harmonize the City Efficient and the City Beautiful, and drafted the most comprehensive covenant in the USA, in Palos Verdes Estate near Los Angeles, and the first American city ordinance of Architectural Control in Santa Barbara in the 1920s. Hugh R. Pomeroy led a regional planning movement in the 1920s, encouraged county planning efforts in urban fringe areas, and introduced the idea of “land use planning” to urban planning from agricultural and forest planning achievements in the Mid-western states in the 1930s. T. J. Kent, Jr., the founding father of the department of city planning in the University of California, established the idea of urban general plan on the basis of his experiences in Berkeley in the 1960s, and was involved in regional planning efforts in the Bay Area, under the influence of Lewis Mumford in the 1970s and after.