

表彰業績名:京都と近代-せめぎ合う都市空間の歴史

Kyoto and Modernization : History of the urban space in rivalry

In this book, I have examined numerous events that occurred in Kyōto's modern era and how the traditional structure of local governance found expression in these events as a conservative force. The events included the development of the Okazaki district, the delay in introducing the household tax, the complications leading up to the materialization of the Three Major Construction Projects, street decorations for the Taishō Grand Ceremony of Accession, and the retro look incorporated into bridge designs by Kyōto Prefecture, to mention but a few.

What must be pointed out here above all is the fact that this conservative force did not simply continue to confront modernization. The traditional structure of local governance that was segmented by social standing or in spatial terms and the modern power structure aimed at centralized administration accommodate each other, and make compromises at the point in time when the reorganization of urban space actually occurred. Undoubtedly, one can perceive in the failure to introduce the household tax, the movement against road extension works and other events this conservative force constituting an "obstacle". However, all of these obstacles were overcome somehow or another.