

Chronology of Ohara Institute for Social Research

1919 February

Ohara Institute for Social Research founded in Osaka.

1920 May

New building in Tennoji completed (main building 674 square meters, library 327 square meters).

1920 May

Japan Labour Yearbook, Volume 1 published.

1923 August

Journal of the Ohara Institute for Social Research launched
(published until January 1933).



1924 April

Reading room for outside visitors opened.

1937 February

The Ohara Institute relocated to Kashiwagi, Yodobashi Ward (currently Shinjuku Ward) in Tokyo (main building 502 square meters, library 251 square meters).



1945 May

Ohara Institute buildings destroyed in firebombing.
One earthen storehouse, holding valuable documents and primary materials, survived.



1946 May

Single-room office opened in Seikei Building at Kanda Surugadai.

1949 July

Ohara Institute formally merged with Hosei University.

1949 August

After 8-year gap, publication of *Japan Labour Yearbook* resumed with Volume 22.

1951 January

Establishment of Hosei University Ohara Institute for Social Research Foundation approved.

1953 February

Ohara Institute *Holdings Report* (*Shiryōshitsuhō*) launched. Later becomes *Research Materials Monthly* (*Kenkyū shiryō geppō*), and from April 1986, *The Journal of the Ohara Institute for Social Research* (*Ōhara shakaimondai kenkyūjo zasshi*).

1960 August

Publication of "Monthly Labour Relations Bibliography" ("Rōdō kankei shiryō bunken getsuoku") begins in *Labour Problems Monthly*.

1964 October

Publication of *Conditions of Workers during the Pacific War* as a special edition of *Japan Labour Yearbook*.

1965 October

Publication of *Labour Movements during the Pacific War* as a special edition of *Japan Labour Yearbook*.

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1967 February

Institute established Azabu Annex (Azabu bunshitsu) for keeping and cataloging books and primary materials.

1968 April

Marx Lexicon of Political Economy, Volume 1 published.

1969 May

Reprint of *Shinjin-kai Bulletins* (*Shinjin-kai kikan-shi*) published as first installment of *Reprint Series: Historical Documents of Japanese Social Movements*.

1969 May

50th Anniversary Exhibition, "People's Resistance to Oppression: Half a Century of Social Movements," jointly organized with Asahi Shimbun (held at Tokyu Department Store, Nihonbashi).



1971 April

Holdings at Azabu Annex opened to the general public.

1973 October

Marx Lexicon zur politischen Ökonomie published in Europe by Auermann.

1973 December

Research Center for Social Labour Issues established to integrate Harmonization Society Library materials with Ohara Institute holdings.

1979 April

May Day History Seen Through Photographs published to commemorate 60th Anniversary of the Institute and 50th May Day (with cooperation from the 50th May Day Central Executive Committee).

1979 November

60th Anniversary Special Exhibition of Rare Books and Letters (held at Yaesu Book Center).

1985 July

Sakisaka Library donated to the Ohara Institute.

1985 September

Final volume of *Marx Lexicon of Political Economy* published (Volume 15).

1986 March

Ohara Institute Relocated to Hosei University Tama Campus.

1986 March

Hosei University Ohara Institute for Social Research Foundation dissolved.

1986 April

Ohara Institute for Social Research becomes a research institute attached to Hosei University.

1987 January

Completion of *Chronological Tables of Social and Labour Movements* (supplemented and revised edition published in June 1995).



1987 October

Creation of *Labour Relations Bibliography* database.

1989 November

70th Anniversary Public Symposium, "Labour Unions and Foreign Worker Issues."

1996 December

Ohara Institute website launched.

1999 November

80th Anniversary Public Symposium, “Labour Unions and the Deregulation of Labour Markets.”

1999 December

A Hundred-Year History of Japanese Labour Unions published.

2007 May

Historical Documents of Japanese Labour Movements
collection series completed.

**2008 July**

“Ohara Network” (a network of research institutions and other organizations established by Magosaburo Ohara) launched.

2009 October

90th Anniversary Forum, “Significance and Scope of Ohara Institute for Social Research.”

2009 October-November

Travelling exhibition: “Workers who Faced Minamata Disease” (in collaboration with the Open Research Center for Minamata Studies, Kumamoto Gakuen University).

2010 October

Miike Sogi and Itsuro Sakisaka Exhibition, video presentation, and symposium to commemorate publication of *Japan Labour Yearbook, Volume 80*.

2010 December

International Conference, “Cross-national Comparison of Labour Movement Revitalization.”

2011 February

Encyclopedia of Social and Labour Issues published.

2013 April

Environmental Archives of former Institute of Sustainability Research and Education incorporated into the Ohara Institute.

2015 May

Renewal of the Ohara Institute website.

2018 February

Exhibition Room opened at the Ohara Institute.

2019 March

100th Anniversary Symposium, “The Current State of Social Issues.”

2019 October

Special exhibition, “The Forerunner of Research on Social Problems: From the Establishment of the Ohara Institute for Social Research to its Merger with Hosei University” (held at Hosei University’s Boissonade Tower).

2020 March

A Hundred Years of the Ohara Institute for Social Research published (Hosei University Press, 2020).

2023 June

International Labour Organization Collection donated to the Ohara Institute by the ILO Japan Office.

2025 February

International Conference, “Japan and Ukraine, Distant Yet Close Partners Historical Ties: Contemporary Challenges and Future Prospects” (conference held live online in Tokyo and Kyiv).