

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Reprint of *Shinjin-kai Bulletins* (*Shinjin-kai kikan-shi*) published as first installment of *Reprint Series: Historical Documents of Japanese Social Movements*.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

50<sup>th</sup> 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 politichen Okonomie* published in Europe by Auvermann.

## 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 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Institute and 50<sup>th</sup> May Day (with cooperation from the 50<sup>th</sup> May Day Central Executive Committee).

## 1979 November

60<sup>th</sup> 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

70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Public Symposium, “Labour Unions and Foreign Worker Issues.”

## 1996 December

Ohara Institute website launched.

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**1999 November**

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

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**1999 December**

*A Hundred-Year History of Japanese Labour Unions* published.

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**2007 May**

*Historical Documents of Japanese Labour Movements* collection series completed.



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**2008 July**

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

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**2009 October**

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

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**2009 October-November**

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

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**2010 October**

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

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**2010 December**

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

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**2011 February**

*Encyclopedia of Social and Labour Issues* published.

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**2013 April**

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

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**2015 May**

Renewal of the Ohara Institute website.

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**2018 February**

Exhibition Room opened at the Ohara Institute.

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**2019 March**

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium, “The Current State of Social Issues.”

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**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).

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**2020 March**

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

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**2023 June**

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

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**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).