

Holdings of Books, Documents, and Other Items

Library

The Ohara Institute for Social Research Library is committed to acquiring publications related to social and labour issues. Collected items include biographies of social activists, posthumous collections, and documents concerned with labour union history. Many of the collected items are not otherwise available through commercial channels. The Institute also holds rare books concerned with Marxist economics and social thought. Japanese-language items account for 144,000 of the Institute's total holdings, approximately 200,000 items. The remaining 56,000 items are in foreign languages (as of June 2024).

Listed below are some of the noteworthy collections.

- Eltzbacher Library: A world-class collection of books and pamphlets on anarchism, amassed by Paul Eltzbacher, a leading scholar of anarchism.

- Harmonization Society Library: The Ohara Institute received the entire library of the Harmonization Society (*Kyōchōkai*), which was established as a semi-governmental organization in 1919. The collection includes official documents related to prewar social movements and labour issues, ILO related books, books on labour management, and other resources.

- Sakisaka Library: This collection of about 70,000 items was amassed by Itsuro Sakisaka. It contains a wide range of books, periodicals, and other documents related to Marxism, written mainly in Japanese and German. The Sakisaka Library contains one particularly noteworthy item: Toshihiko Sakai's collection of materials related to the 1911 High Treason Incident (*Taigyaku bunko*).

- Labour Union Publications: About 4,000 items, mainly published in the postwar period. Most materials in this collection were never available commercially.

Newspapers/ Periodicals

The Ohara Institute holds about 19,000 titles of newspapers, bulletins, periodicals and other

items issued by labour unions, political parties, social movements, and other organizations.

Primary Materials

The Ohara Institute holds various collections of unpublished primary materials originally kept in the files of labour union offices or farmers' unions offices in the pre and postwar periods, as well as proletarian party materials from the prewar period. Other primary sources held by the Institute include court records related to trials, such as the 1949 Matsukawa Incident or the 1952 May Day Riot, and documents related to the 1918 Rice Riots collected by Karoku Hosokawa and other members of the Institute.

Environmental Archives (formerly held by the Institute of Sustainability Research and Education)

Collections of Environmental Archives contain four groups of materials: (1) materials on hazardous drugs and toxic foodstuffs, (2) those on environmental protection and the opposition to development, (3) those on nuclear energy issues and anti-nuclear energy movements and (4) those on general citizens' movements. The following are specific items in the four groups of materials:

- (1) Issues arising from SMON (caused by Clioquinol), thalidomide, and PCB poisoning from Kanemi rice bran oil.

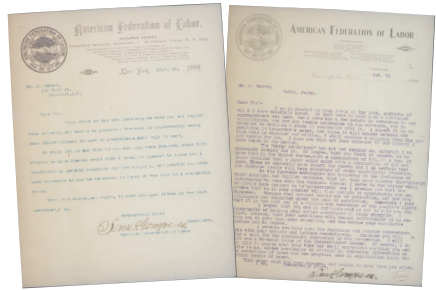
- (2) "Rights of Nature" movements, documents from litigation against the Tokuyama Dam project, materials related to opposition to environmental pollution in Tokyo during the 1970s, animal and natural environment protection bulletin *Oikos*, International Fund for Animal Welfare materials, and Citizens Environmental Foundation NPO materials.

- (3) Citizens Nuclear Information Center bulletins and other anti-nuclear materials held by the NO Nukes Plaza.

- (4) Osaki Archives and materials of citizens' movements collected by Tokyo Metropolitan Tama Social Education Center.



Court records from the Popular Front Incident of 1937 (Sakisaka Library)



Letters from Samuel Gompers to Fusatarō Takano



Wall news sheet from 1848 revolution in Germany



Items from the poster collection



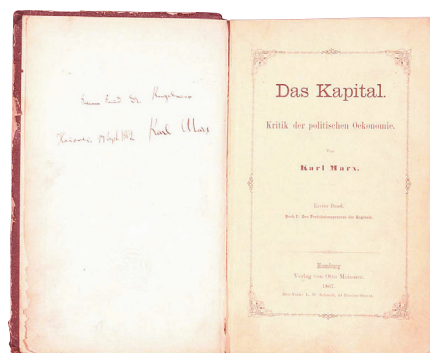
Unpublished manuscript copy by Sen Katayama of Three years in Russia (Sakisaka Library)



Letters from Hajime Kawakami to Tamizō Kushida



Fusatarō Takano's American Federation of Labour name card and Association for the Formation of Labor Unions member's card



First edition of *Das Kapital* bearing Marx's inscription to Kugelman



Part of the library of Paul Eitzbacher (books and pamphlets all written by Proudhon)