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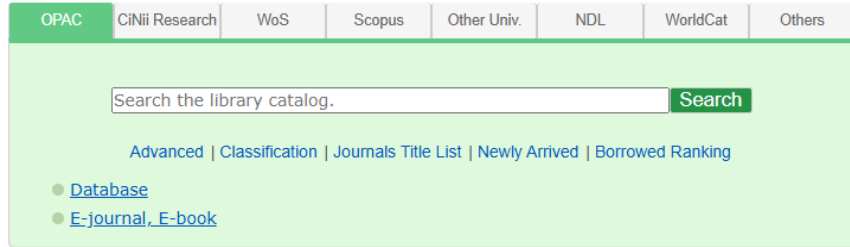
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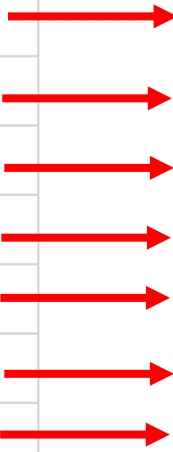


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INFORMATION

Announcements from this Month

Air Conditioning Renovation in Progress Central

There will be noise, partial seating restrictions, and temporary suspension of air conditioning during the construction period. Please refer to HP for announcements on Central Library webpage for further details.



Session 7 **BOOK BRIDGES** Now Open for Participation West

**Tuesday, June 16
2026 | 16:20-17:50**

West Library, 2F Seminar Room

Habits You Want to Start
Habits You Want to Stop

Genji Monogatari Kirikami (Manuscript)

Central Library, Special Collections Room

'The Tale of Genji' has been cherished for over a thousand years. Yet, as time passed, the everyday assumptions of the Heian period became increasingly difficult to grasp; much as we modern readers experience today. Eager to unlock the story's meaning, readers of each era produced their own commentaries and annotations. Hiroshima University Library holds a substantial collection of such works.

One of these, our library's Genji Monogatari Kirikami, is a later transcription of a text originally compiled during the Muromachi period. Kirikami refers to documents containing secret teachings transmitted in special initiation ceremonies across scholarly and martial arts traditions. Annotations deemed especially significant were treated as esoteric secrets and compiled into separate volumes.

Numerous secret interpretations of The Tale of Genji circulated over the centuries, and this Kirikami records fifteen such articles. To modern eyes, and likely to the original author as well. Though it is not always clear why certain passages were considered so extraordinary. The text itself even includes self-aware remarks such as: "stating something quite unremarkable as though it were a great secret" and "various theories exist -all of them wrong- None should be trusted."

By the Edo period, works marketed as secret teachings began to appear in print, available to anyone willing to pay. Publicly sold yet labeled secret, they had become an open secret. Nonetheless, the timeless human instinct to want what is hidden remains as strong today as it ever was.

(Yoko Ogawa, Associate Professor, Faculty of Letters; Member of the Hiroshima University Library Digital Humanities Promotion Project, known by "Dejizo")

Images of the library's Genji Monogatari Kirikami are available through the National Institute of Japanese Literature's (Kokusho Database) →



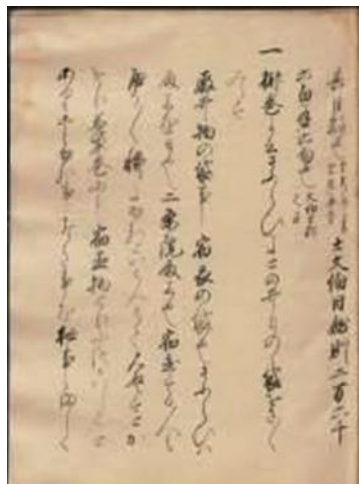
The Origins of Chinese Divination by Fujita Mamoru

Hiroshima University Press will publish **The Origins of Chinese Divination: A Comprehensive Overview of Han Dynasty Yi Studies through General Theory, Scholarly Lineages, Yi Texts, and Techniques**

by **Fujita Mamoru**. This is a full-scale introductory and survey text on Han dynasty Yi studies (Scheduled for release: June 9), thoroughly explained with abundant charts, diagrams, and bibliographic references. It is a title recommended for a broad range of readers.



Hiroshima University Press (*details*) →



Further Reading <https://doi.org/10.20730/100302279>
Gengo Hiketsu-shō, published in 1680

(Special Collections Room, Central Library, Hiroshima University)

CALENDAR

Library Opening Hours for June

Central Library

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