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The 2011 Tetsuo Najita Distinguished Lecture in Japanese Studies



# Japanese Intellectuals and China

by Nobukuni Koyasu

The author of more than twenty books, Nobukuni Koyasu, Professor Emeritus of Osaka University, is one of the best-known and most influential intellectual historians in Japan. In a series of works on early modern intellectual discourse including *Ogyu Sorai as "Event"* (*Jiken toshire no Soraigaku*, 1990), *Theories of Ghosts and Spirits: The Discourse of Confucian Intellectuals* (*Kishinron: Juka chishikijin no diskuru*, 1992), *What is the "Norinaga Problem?"* (*Norinaga mondai to ha nanika?*, 1995), and *The World of Hirata Atsutane* (*Hirata Atsutane no sekai*, 2001), Professor Koyasu revitalized the study of early modern intellectual history through his engagement with contemporary critical theory, his careful, close readings of the texts themselves, and his concern for rethinking its significance for Japanese modernity. He is also a prominent public intellectual, who has written widely on contemporary political issues including Japanese nationalism, the Yasukuni Shrine controversy, and the legacy of the Showa era and World War II for contemporary Japan.

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