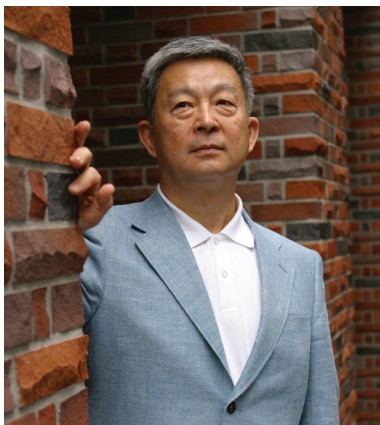


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A STRUCTURE OF DECEIT: The Japanese Nuclear Energy Program

by Akio Igarashi

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Akio Igarashi is a political scientist and Professor Emeritus of law and politics at Rikkyo University. His recent publications include Japanese Politics (Nihon seiji ron), 2010 and When Women Change Politics: The Experiences of Representatives, Mayors, and Governors (Jyosei ga Seiji wo Kaeru Toki, with Miranda Schreurs), 2012.

As an intellectual historian, he has published books on the provocative rightist Kita Ikki (1979) or on the Meiji Restoration (1996). As a scholar of politics, he has written extensively on local governance with respect to peace and security issues, on citizens' movements, and on Japan-Asia relations. A pioneer in fostering ties with other Asian scholars, he has also published books on the democratization movement in Korea as well as on post-Cold War popular dramas in Asia.

The Tetsuo Najita Distinguished Lecture in Japanese Studies was launched in 2007 by the Japan Studies Committee to honor the legacy of Tetsuo Najita, Robert S. Ingersoll Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of History and of East Asian Languages and Civilizations, and his contribution to the university during his long career.

Educated at Grinnell College and Harvard University, Tetsuo Najita joined the faculty of the University of Chicago in 1969. His many publications on Japan's early modern and modern intellectual history include *Hara Kei and the Politics of Compromise* (1967), which was awarded the John King Fairbank Prize in East Asian History, and *Visions of Virtue: The Kaitokudô Merchant Academy of Osaka* (1987), which won the Yamagata Bantô Prize. Since his retirement in 2002, Tetsuo Najita has continued his work. In 2008, he published a new work in Japanese on the topic of "doing intellectual history," and in 2009 the University of California Press published his most recent monograph in English, *Ordinary Economies in Japan: A Historical Perspective, 1759-1950*.

In addition to this distinguished record of scholarship and teaching, during his thirty-three year tenure at the university, Tetsuo Najita dedicated much energy to building the Japan Studies program, while playing a leading role within the History Department and the Social Science Division. He served as Director of the Center for East Asian Studies from 1974-1980, Master of the Social Science Collegiate Division from 1984-1987 and Chair of the History Department for 1994-1997 and in spring 2001.