

Political Economy on the Formation of Welfare Policy in South Korea

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The aim of my book, *Political Economy on the Formation of Welfare Policy in South Korea* (韓国・社会保障形成の政治経済学; Shinkan-sha:Tokyo,2016), is firstly to reveal the facts of the welfare policy from the Korean War era to the drastic policy reform in the 1990s, and then to consider the meaning and implications of the Korean policy changes from a world-wide historical perspective.

Due to the shortage and incorrectness of the formal data such as *Statistics on Health and Social Affairs*, it has been extremely difficult to investigate the realities of the welfare policy up to the 1980s. However, by examining some reliable works of research, the basic structure can be revealed as well as its thoughts on the policy known as the 'Relief Administration' (*Kuho-henjeon*). This policy was introduced to recover from war damages with the help of foreign aid mainly from the U.S.A. during the poor economic situation. The Development-First Policy had failed improvements of welfare until a paradigm change occurred after democratization. The path to a welfare state in South Korea finally opened with the destruction of the 'Relief Administration'.

Introduction: Theme and methodology on the formation of welfare policy in the divided newly independent nation

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I Analysis of the Central and Local Governments' Data on Poverty and Refugees during the Korean War

II Analysis of «*Statistics of Health and Social Affairs*» 1954-1974

III Analysis of «*Study and Research on the Reform of the Relief Administration*» by the Konguk University Research Group

IV Thoughts, Activities and Works of the Pioneer of Welfare Policy, Choi Chung-song

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