

Informal comments on *East Asian History: A Tripolar Approach*:

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“I am certainly in agreement with the themes you develop in *East Asian History: A Tripolar Approach*, and you have gone into far more detail than I did in my own book, the *Perilous Frontier*, which is now a bit over twenty years old. ... However, I still retain a strong interest in the topics you have presented and so will enjoy reading your book in more detail.” (2010)

Thomas Barfield, Department of Anthropology, Boston University

“The history book also excels in focusing on the continual, historical relationship among regions of East Asia in understanding the Korean, Chinese, and Japanese history. This is a unique perspective in understanding the history of East Asian, which has been normally discussed by and large on the basis of each region being treated separately—as if each has basically developed autochthonously, with only occasional interrelations with neighboring regions. Your perspective is original and eye-opening.” (April 3, 2010)

Harumi Befu, Department of Anthropology, Stanford University

“*East Asian History: A Tripolar Approach* (revised edition)...is marvelously illustrated and a work of deep scholarship.” (February 5, 2012)

Raymond Weitzman, Department of Linguistics, California State University, Fresno

“I am sure this will become one of the standard texts in English because of its broad scope.” (January 10, 2012)

Mark Hudson, Nishikyushu University

“I surely enjoyed seeing East Asian history put into a larger framework, not subject to the Chinese view of the world, or better perhaps how the Chinese would like the world to be. It’s high time that we look beyond that. You’ve done a great job.” (March 23, 2012)

Gertraude Roth Li, Center for Chinese Studies, University of Hawai’i at Manoa

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“The contents of the books, *East Asian History: A Tripolar Approach*, and *Ancient Korea-Japan Relations*, incidentally coincide with a seminar that I currently teach at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and I am glad to be able to make use of the new approach they represent.” (May 14, 2010)

Lihi Yariv-Laor, Department of East Asian Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

“They are both very impressive, major scholarly works, and I have enjoyed going through them a great deal and have learned much from your perspective on the historical matters that you discuss. ... Your books will certainly figure in the primary reading and discussion materials.” (April 11, 2010)

William G. Boltz, Department of Asian Languages & Literature, University of Washington

“Your mastery of the academic literature is impressive, as is your energy in continuing to update your own important work.” (March 6, 2010)

Bruce Batten, Professor of Japanese History, J. F. Oberlin University

“They are beautifully printed and the contents show that they both deal with tremendously important issues.” (March 16, 2010)

Edward L. Shaughnessy, Creel Distinguished Service Professor of Early China and Chair,  
East Asian Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago

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