

Title: **A revisit on "B. Russell's visiting" as an "Intellectual-historical Incident":  
Considerations on "Civilization" and "Modernity"  
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This thesis is a reconsideration on the British philosopher Bertrand Russell's visiting to Russia, China, and Japan after World War I from 1920 to 1921. This thesis is a reconsideration on the British philosopher Bertrand Russell's visiting to Russia, China, and Japan after World War I from 1920 to 1921. This case is going to be described as an “Intellectual-historical Incident” which has been defined by Nobukuni Koyasu. This “incident” is not only a reverberation from the media and intellectuals of both Japan and China during this period, but also Russell’s own thoughts change through this experience. This thesis tries to reconstruct a three-dimensional description of this “incident” by text analysis based on a transnational viewpoint. In order to reconsider the “incident” underestimated in the conventional research that came from the viewpoint of Russell's visit and modernization of China, or as an episode occurred by chance in the thought field of Taisho period of Japan, this thesis has tried a more multi-perspective and transnational description by placing Russell’s thought change on the horizontal axis and inspecting the reactions of the media and intellectuals of Japan and China as the vertical axis. From such a view point, the author intends to look back on this “incident” and restore it to the historical context as a complex system. This is the focus and contribution of this thesis.

The thesis is organized as follows. Chapter 1 discuss the “Russell’s Visit” as a cross-border historical event and tracks its significance, conditions, and the background of its establishment. Chapter 2 investigates Russell’s philosophy of thought during and right after World War I. Chapter 3 discusses Russell’s Marxist view and Bolshevik view during this period through the analysis of Russell’s visit and his books. Chapter 4 investigates how Russell changed his mental state and philosophy theory during his stay in China. Finally, Chapter 5 discusses the relation in philosophy thoughts of Russell and Kyoson Tsuchida, who are the two East and West intellectuals, regarding the various problems in modern Japan.