



Grand Prize

Ezra F. VOGEL

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*Sociologist (Henry Ford II Professor of the Social Sciences Emeritus at Harvard University)**Born July 11, 1930***BIOGRAPHY**

- 1930 Born in Ohio, U.S.A.
- 1950 B.A. (Sociology), Ohio Wesleyan University
- 1958 Ph.D. (Sociology), Harvard University
- 1958-60 First visit to Japan to study Japanese language and conduct research interviews with middle-class families
- 1960-61 Assistant Professor, Yale University
- 1961-64 Post-doctoral fellow at Harvard University, studying Chinese language and history
- 1964-67 Lecturer, Harvard University
- 1967-2000 Professor, Harvard University
- 1972-77 Director, East Asian Research Center, Harvard University
(now called The Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies)
- 1972-90 Director of the undergraduate concentration of East Asian Studies, Harvard University
- 1977-80 Chairman, Council for East Asian Studies, Harvard University
- 1980-87 Director, Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, Center for International Affairs, Harvard University
- 1987- Honorary Director, Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, Center for International Affairs, Harvard University
- 1993-95 National Intelligence Officer for East Asia, National Intelligence Council (NIC)
- 1995-99 Director, Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, Harvard University
(now called The Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies)
- 1997-99 Founding Director, Harvard University Asia Center
- 2001 Co-director, Asia Foundation Task Force on East Asian Policy
Recommendations for the New Administration

MAJOR AWARDS

Ezra F. VOGEL

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- 1970 Harvard University Press faculty book of the year award (Canton Under Communism)
- 1996 Japan Foundation Award
- 1998 Japan Society Prize
- 2009 8th Iue Asia Pacific Culture Prize
- 2011 Honorable Mention, American Publishers PROSE Award, European and World History Category (Deng Xiaoping and the Transformation of China)
- 2012 Lionel Gelber Prize (Deng Xiaoping and the Transformation of China)
Distinguished Service Award, US-Japan Foundation
Award for Outstanding Contributions to China Studies
- 2013 Lifetime achievement award by the Boston Japan Society

Prof. Vogel has received honorary degrees from Kwansai Gakuin (Japan), the Monterey Institute, the Universities of Maryland, Massachusetts (Lowell), Wittenberg, Bowling Green, Albion, Ohio Wesleyan, Chinese University (Hong Kong) and Yamaguchi University (Japan).

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Japan's New Middle Class: The Salary Man and His Family in a Tokyo Suburb, Berkeley: University of California Press, 1963.

Canton Under Communism: Programs and Politics in a Provincial Capital, 1949-1968, Cambridge, Harvard University Press, 1969.

Modern Japanese Organization and Decision-Making (editor), Berkeley: University of California Press, 1975.

Japan as Number One: Lessons for America, Harvard University Press, 1979.

Comeback, Case by Case: Building the Resurgence of American Business, New York: Simon & Schuster, 1985.

One Step Ahead in China: Guangdong Under Reform, Harvard University Press, 1989.

The Four Little Dragons: The Spread of Industrialization in East Asia, Harvard University Press, 1991.

Is Japan Still Number One?, Pelanduk Publications, 2000.

The Golden Age of the U.S.-China-Japan Triangle, 1972-1989 (co-editor), Harvard University Asia Center, 2002.

China at War: Regions of China, 1937-45 (co-editor), Stanford University Press, 2007.

The Park Chung Hee Era: The Transformation of South Korea (co-editor), Harvard University Press, 2011.

Deng Xiaoping and the Transformation of China, Belknap Press, 2011.

AWARD CITATION

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Prof. Ezra F. Vogel has been engaged in teaching and research since becoming a professor at Harvard University in 1967. He has examined the dynamic changes in the politics, economy and society of post-war Asia, and has reached very significant conclusions. In particular, his deep understanding of, and scrupulous analytical research into, Japan during its years of rapid economic growth (1960s – 1980s) and China during its boom period (1980s – 2000s) have produced outstanding achievements. He has also worked steadily on the history of international relations in East Asia in partnership with scholars from the region, and his contributions have been balanced and profound. Many academics have come to him and have studied under his guidance, and he is widely respected as one of the greatest authorities in the field.

Prof. Vogel was born in Delaware, Ohio, in 1930. He graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1950, and received a Ph.D. in Sociology from the Department of Social Relations, Harvard University, in 1958. From 1972 to 2000, when he retired, he shouldered heavy responsibilities concerning both East Asian studies and Asian policy in the U.S. The various important posts which he held included Director of the Harvard East Asian Research Center, Director of Program on U.S.-Japan Relations and Director of the Fairbank Center for East Asian Studies; from 1993 to 1995, he served on the U.S. National Intelligence Council as National Intelligence Officer for East Asia.

His first major publication, “Japan as Number One” (1979), was not a simple panegyric of Japan, but praised a country which had successfully industrialized itself, despite having limited natural resources, for solving the problems caused by the deindustrialization process far more skillfully than any other industrialized country in the world. Japan was presented as a model which the U.S. should consider following. Such a suggestion that a non-Western country should be considered a model was unprecedented.

“One Step Ahead in China: Guangdong under Reform” (1989) was published in the immediate aftermath of the Tiananmen Square Incident, when questions were raised about the progress of China’s reform and open-door policy. Based on intensive field surveys conducted in 1987 and 1988, the book analyzes the decade when Guangdong Province was in the forefront of reform. He predicted that the experiment in Guangdong would become a national development model for China as a whole, and would promote cooperation with the Newly Industrialized Economies (NIEs) of Asia. After his retirement in 2000, his research focus shifted to Deng Xiaoping. He made a thorough analysis, based on innumerable interviews and archival material, and published “Deng Xiaoping and the Transformation of China” in 2011. The book opened up new horizons on the reconstruction of modern Chinese history. It was chosen as the Book of the Year by the Wall Street Journal, the Washington Post and the Economist, and attracted attention worldwide.

Prof. Ezra F. Vogel has not only given the world pioneering work on the understanding of East Asia, but has also, based on his historical research, provided valuable proposals for improving international relations in the region. For his exceptional achievement, Prof. Ezra F. Vogel is a truly worthy recipient of the Grand Prize of the Fukuoka Prize.