



Liang Qichao in Modern Korea

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Abstract

Liang Qichao (梁啟超) was one of most important Chinese intellectuals in the late 19th and early 20th-centuries, making a tremendous influence not only on his fellow Chinese during but also on many Korean intellectuals struggling in their own way with the question of modernity. Though Liang's philosophical thought and political ideas were introduced to the Korean intellectuals in the late 19th-century, it was only after 1905 that his writings started to appear in Korean newspapers and journals. Most notably, *Yinbingshi Ziyou Shu* (飲冰室自由書), one of Liang's major works, was introduced to the Korean audience in 1908, making him apparently the most influential Chinese intellectual in Korea as the advocate of the Western Learning. This seminar aims to investigate how the Confucian intellectuals in Korea engaged with Liang Qichao's thought at the dawn of the 20th-century, either by wholeheartedly embracing it or by criticizing it.

Short Biography

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