

歷史資料庫的應用與省思： 十九世紀熟番「社域」問題的檢討

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建置「歷史資料庫」這項工作，近年來深受學界重視，各類線上資料庫不斷推陳出新，許多相關的研究議題，亦隨著資料庫的出現而不斷有所突破。例如，臺灣大學數位典藏研究發展中心對於「臺灣歷史數位圖書館」(THDL)的建置與推廣，讓許多研究者開始想辦法應用這套資料庫，來完成自己的研究課題。然而，我們也必須意識到，歷史資料庫的應用不僅僅在於提升史料的「量」，對於歷史研究者來說，更重要的課題是當我們很容易取得大量的史料後，該如何重新面對自己的研究課題。基於這樣的出發點，本文打算利用「臺灣歷史數位圖書館」的系統，重新檢討有關熟番「社域」的課題與史料，並提出筆者應用資料庫過程所得到的反省經驗。

本文的結論將會指出，我們除了利用契約文書的番租紀錄與座落位置，建構熟番的「社域」空間，應該還能進一步的考慮契約文書本身的歷史脈絡，重新理解契約被製作的歷史意義。此外，本文透過契約文書的重新考證，其目的在於提醒研究者，應用歷史資料庫不應該僅止於史料數量的提升，更重要的是，我們應該重新審視自己的研究取徑，從而展開歷史研究的新方向。

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Instrospecting the Application of Historical Database: A Study on the Plains Aborigines' Tribal Territory in the Nineteenth Century

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Establishing history database has been under great attention in academic circle in recent years. A variety of different kinds of online databases are available. We also see breakthroughs in study issues thanks to databases. For example, THDL by Research Center for Digital Humanities at NTU enables researchers to complete their studies. We are also aware that not quantity matters in history database application. For history researchers, what is more important is how to encounter study issues after easily obtaining great number of historic data. Based on this, we intend to take a look again at aborigine's tribal territory issues and historic data on aborigines and propose the experience in using the database.

In the conclusions, other than establishing space of tribal territory of aborigines with lease record and locations in contract documents, one shall still be able to consider historic contexts of contract documents to re-understand historic meaning of contracts. With re-verification on contract documents, we aim at reminding researchers that, in addition to enhancing quantity in historic data, what is more significant is to review the path of study to start new dimensions in history study.

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