The Documentation Center on Contemporary Japan (DCJ) holds 250 active serial titles in both English and Japanese, ranging from mainstream journals like Chūō Kōron, Sekai and the Journal of Japanese Studies to non-commercial newsletters and reports issued by various institutions. A list of these titles is available at DCJ’s web site (http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~rijs/dcj/).

Several recently emergent and relatively unknown titles are described below. All of these journals originate in Japan; DCJ’s holdings of them are not duplicated elsewhere within Harvard, and in some cases in the region. They tend not to be covered by Western scholarly indexes.

**GOVERNMENTAL AND POLICY STUDIES**

**Bōei Kenkyū** 『防衛研究』 (Defense Studies; annual; in Japanese)
Published by the National Institute for Defense Studies, **Bōei Kenkyū** is one of only a few serials devoted to Japanese and regional security. The series changed its format in 1994, when it began to publish papers individually. Contributors include military analysts and defense policy experts. Titles from recent papers include “Terrorism and Japan’s Security,” “The Russian Far East and the Security in North-east Asia,” or “Korean Peninsula in 1995: A Survey.” With English summaries. DCJ holds all but No. 1 (1989).

**Shin Bōei Ronshū** 『新防衛論集』 (The Journal of National Defense; quarterly; in Japanese)
Published by Bōei Gakkai (The Society for National Defense), this journal carries papers by leading scholars in the field. With English summaries. DCJ’s run goes back to 1985.

**The Cost of Social Security in Japan** (Annual)
**Review of Social Policy** (Annual)
These English-language annuals originate from the Social Development Research Institute, a unit of the Ministry of Health and Welfare. **Cost** is a statistical annual; it started in 1990, and its special 1993 number presents and analyzes statistics for the period 1969-90. The **Review** was founded in 1992, and publishes social policy studies on Japan. These two journals, together with the same institute’s **Kikan Shakaishō Kenkyū** 『季刊社会保険研究』 (Quarterly of Social Security Research), are essential resources on Japanese social security.

**Yoron Chosa Nenkan** 『世論調査年鑑』 (Almanac of Public Opinion Survey; in Japanese)
Each year, the Prime Minister’s Office publishes this survey of public opinion polls conducted over the last year by institutions nationwide. These institutions include, in addition to national agencies, local governments, universities, the media, and private

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corporations and organizations. A subject index enables users to take the pulse of Japanese public opinion quickly, or to focus on specific indices, such as public support of the current cabinet. DCJ’s run goes back to 1993.

NON-MAINSTREAM PRESS

AMPO: Japan-Asia Quarterly Review (Quarterly; in English)
One of the oldest (founded 1969) leftist English-language journals in postwar Japan. AMPO derives its name from the 日米安全保障条約 (US-Japan Security Treaty), and is published by the Pacific Asia Resource Center as a “major means of communicating for people’s movements in the capitalist nations of Asia.” Recent issues have been devoted to World War II, human rights, minorities, the women’s movement, foreign aid, and the environment. DCJ’s holding starts in 1978. For a complete table of contents, see AMPO’s web site at (http://www.jca.jp/parc/ampo.htm).

SHUKAN KINYOBI 週刊金曜日 (Weekly Friday; in Japanese)
Started in November 1993. SHUKAN KINYOBI numbers among its contributors many activists in the citizen’s movement and other critics of government policy. Its current editors are Katsuichi Honda (journalist), Keiko Ochiai (feminist writer), Osamu Kuno (philosopher), Makoto Sataka (social critic), Makoto Shima (writer), Tetsuya Chikushi (journalist). DCJ’s holding starts in May 1995. A complete table of SHUKAN KINYOBI’s contents, as well as Honda’s essay series “Impoverished Spirit in Contemporary Japan” can be found at its web site, (http://www.iijnet.or.jp/2go-green /Env/Env.books/Friday/Friday.html).

CURRENT AFFAIRS & ANALYSIS

RONSO TOYO KEIZAI 論争東洋経済 (Debate; Monthly; in Japanese)
TSUYA KEIZAI SHINPO started this magazine in May 1996, to provide a stage for debate on political, economic and social issues. Administrative reform and deregulation number among its favorite topics, and are treated to strong analysis by leading economists and political and business figures. DCJ has the complete run.

SENTAKU 選択 (Choice; Monthly; in Japanese)
This subscription-only journal is highly regarded for its sharp and accurate perceptions of the political and economic scene and for its wry insider slant. For example, it has run a series of articles on “Japan sanctuaries,” that is, institutions and individuals that remain essentially unexplored by the media (e.g., the Imperial Household). Yet despite its status (SENTAKU has been featured in articles in the Far Eastern Economic Review and elsewhere), it is infrequently cited. This is an excellent complement to daily Japanese newspapers. DCJ holds cover the period 1985-89, and from 1993 on.