**Knowledge in Transit:**

 **A History of Knowledge Perspective on 20th century Japanese Psychiatry**

**Abstract:**

In my book project, *Negotiating States of Mind*, I have chosen to transgress the boundaries of several established disciplines including Japanese History, the History of Science, and the History of Medicine by examining historical sources (traditionally analyzed within these frameworks) from the perspective of the History of Knowledge. I argue that this approach entails breaking established traditions of history writing but is offering an alternative narrative that is capable of producing new insights. This change in perspective and focus goes hand in hand with a shift in the scale and dimension of the historical context that needs to be considered as appropriate. Taking case histories from the Russo-Japanese War (1904–05) as my examples, I will illustrate in what ways my approach diverges from narratives preferred by historians of the other three disciplines and how it affects the choice of context.

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