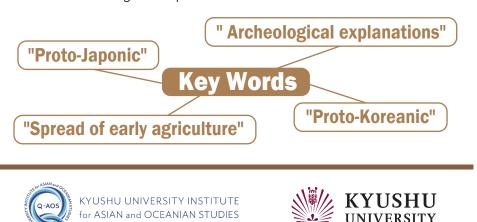


## Recent Japanese / Korean origin theory and the spread of agriculture

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From the recent linguistic standpoint, Proto-Japonic and Proto-Koreanic are assumed to have split off from the Transeurasian languages in southern Manchuria to spread to north-east Asia mainly by of Western scholars. There were archeological explanations that spread of Indo- European languages and Sino-Tibetan languages were accompanied with spread of early agriculture. The presenter had insisted the demic four phases theory of spread of early agriculture in north-east Asia triggered by cooler climate conditions. Linguistic scholars recently had the hypothesis that Proto-Japonic and Proto-Koreanic spread to Korean Peninsula and Japanese Archipelago, using the demic four phases theory of spread of early agriculture in north-east Asia as same as that of spread of Indo-European languages. The presenter criticized these theories and will talk about the spread hypothesis of Proto-Japonic and Proto-Koreanic based on the archeological explanations.





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