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1. Translation, Mysterious Others, and Transference : Religious Subjectification from the Experience of Northeast Japan Disaster

2. Brief Abstract

Six years after the disaster in Northeast Japan, the people in Northeast Japan have been aching in their hearts with a resentment and guilt about losing their families and their properties. Their experiences are beyond description and leave us with a deep reconsideration of the theory of the religious subjectification process. This process of subjectification becomes the act of translation and transference when we think of our relationship with the dead. The dead assume the roles of the mysterious others in a Lacanian sense in order to construct our subjectivity. This consideration makes it possible to consider the construction of new ways of subjectivity and to theorize unique characteristics of “religious” subjectification.

3. Brief Bio

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