

context that the phrase means “every single one of the gods”. This is just one example, but it is symptomatic of a fundamental problem with this book: Vovin, detailed though he is in his treatment of certain issues, does not pay enough attention to the meanings of words as they are shaped by the contexts in which they appear.

Even in places where one would expect Vovin to be in his element, there are still puzzling errors. For instance, in the section of the introduction in which he provides a chart of “*Man’yōgana* phonographic signs used in the *Man’yōshū*”, right at the beginning under 𪛗, we find the graph for metal (金) with the reading *aki*₁ listed as a “disyllabic *kungana*” (phonographs whose sounds are based on Japanese readings). As exemplified in poem 1.7, 金 can indeed be read as *aki*₁ (with the meaning “autumn”), but this is not a phonographic reading at all. It is a logographic reading based on the association between metal and autumn in five elements theory. Even more puzzling is the fact that the graph 金 is used as a disyllabic *kungana* in the *Man’yōshū* in over thirty instances with the pronunciation of *kane*, yet this is missing from Vovin’s chart.

At the same time, Vovin is quite bold in proposing radical revisions of glosses that go against centuries of previous scholarship. One example of this is his argument that the pillow-word 八隅知之, which always appears modifying the phrase *waga opoki₁mi₁* (“our/my great lord”), has been glossed incorrectly as *yasumi₁sisi* and misinterpreted by every single commentator and scholar since the thirteenth century. I do not have the space to outline the multiple problems with Vovin’s argument here, but suffice it to say that there are good reasons why this gloss has not changed in 800 years. Vovin also asserts that *yasumi₁sisi* is “applicable only to emperors, and not to princes”, but there are several examples of the term being used to describe princes in volumes 2 and 3 of the *Man’yōshū*.

To conclude, there are many things that Vovin gets right (particularly when he follows Japanese commentaries closely). It is unfortunate that the book is marred by numerous errors and by a lack of engagement with other *Man’yōshū* scholarship. One hopes that Vovin’s future translations of the remaining volumes of the anthology will address the shortcomings of this one.

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HYUNJOON SHIN and SEUNG-AH LEE (eds):

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This volume brings together eighteen Korean and Korean-heritage authors to cover the major bases of South Korean popular music, dividing their contributions into four broad sections: “Histories”, “Genres”, “Artists”, and “Issues”. A “Coda” basically profiles an additional issue, while an afterword transcribes an interview with the rock and metal artist Shin Hae-chul. “Histories” contains chapters by Shin, Keewoong Lee, Jung-yup Lee and Sun Jung, and, rather than offer a chronological timeline, looks at music on stage, in recordings and broadcasts on the media, and pop’s global marketing. We read how recordings in Korea almost always had less importance than live or broadcast performances, how musicians “uniquely” honed their skills working for American military shows (why “uniquely”, given the entertainment needs of American forces posted elsewhere during the Cold War?), and

how the notion of “spreadable media” (taken from Henry Jenkins, Sam Ford and Joshua Green, *Spreadable Media* (New York: New York University Press, 2013)) has in recent years challenged notions of copyright. The last is given as a reason why Korean fans created myriad parodies of Psy’s *Gangnam Style*; surely, though, *Gangnam Style* was sufficiently hated by Korean pop aficionados that its parodies were created by just about anybody other than fans.

“Genres” curiously occupies a politics-free zone as its four authors attempt to tie specific music styles to times, places, and people. Yu-jeong Chang’s consideration of the early popular genres of trot and ballad ignores too much previous scholarship on both genres and on Japanese equivalents, and has inaccurate moments, but Pil Ho Kim and Aekyung Park in contrast provide excellent discussions of rock and modern Dylanesque folksong. Jaeyoung Yang’s account of soul, funk, rap and hip hop is particularly informative and readable, although he admits that his title, “Korean Black Music”, “is contradictory as it implies a socio-geographic and racial incongruity” (p. 95). Yang reveals his personal tastes openly: mainstream hip-hop, he tells us, relies on “sweet melodies over rapping”, while massive idol groups such as Big Bang and 2NE1 lack “rhythmic diversity and beat variations” (pp. 102, 104).

“Artists” starts with a useful consideration of the colonial-era jazz musician and composer Kim Hae-song by Junhee Lee, although eyebrows will be raised by the claim that Kim “was Elvis Presley, John Lennon, and Jimi Hendrix, all compressed and accumulated into one” (p. 108). It closes with Eun-Young Jung’s account of Seo Taiji lifted, though no credit is given in *Made in Korea*, from my edited volume, *Korean Pop Music: Riding the Wave* (Folkestone: Global Oriental, 2006). In between comes an analysis of rock by Dohee Kwon that finds Korean identity in pentatonicism (based on an outdated Korean musicological theory of mode), and Okon Hwang’s splendid discussion of the multi-talented Kim Min-ki and his legendary status as a dissident songwriter. Within “Issues”, Haekyung Um offers a finely detailed account of vocal style, Hyunseok Kwon explores how Korean traditional music (*kugak*) relates to popular music, and Soojin Kim gives an over-simplified account of pertinent legislation during the rules of successive South Korean presidents. Dong-Yeun Lee’s “Who’s afraid of Korean idols” is likely to be the most cited chapter: his somewhat rhetorical discussion is excellent, detailing how 50,000 aspiring idols are tested each year but only 10 or so will end up debuting after four or five years of strenuous training. Oppressive management masks “emotional” labour that from a Marxist perspective results in privation for idols as workers. Finally, as the “Coda”, Sunhee Koo and Sang-Yeon Loise Sung explore the circulation and reception of Korean pop beyond Korea, but the coverage is severely limited because they focus on their personal Japanese, Chinese, Taiwanese and Austrian expertise.

Some editing is poor (particularly in the first section), and a few errors have made it into print. For instance, a German trader is said to have demonstrated a gramophone in Korea “in 1866” (p. 24), when Edison didn’t invent the phonograph until 1877 (the gramophone followed later). How can the claim that Korean TV broadcasting “started prematurely in 1961” be justified (p. 38)? For “Drunk Tiger” read “Drunken Tiger” (p. 104). The group Sarang kwa P’yonghwa did not, as claimed, only “prolong their career into the 1980s” (p. 99), since they disbanded in 2000. The volume sadly excludes any coverage of North Korean music, on the disingenuous grounds that “conditions for studying it are not mature”, with too few researchers existing in North Korea and insufficient data available outside the country (p. xi). Hundreds of albums featuring the groups Pochonbo and Wangjaesan as well as the “Songs of Korea” series are available, along with many clips on YouTube, providing plenty to study; indeed, I profiled North Korean pop in my edited volume (2006: 154–67). However, the editors of *Made in Korea* elect to critique my volume rather than engage

with it, claiming that it and its constituent scholars make it “difficult to know the views of the scholars based in Korea” (p. xii). This is then used to justify only including authors who are Korean. However, my volume includes six Korean authors (three of whom reappear here, one reproducing the same contribution) as well as several foreign academics working at Korean universities. If the claim to provide a local take on Korean pop is to be taken seriously, then how is it that 12 of the 18 authors either work in, or completed their doctorates, in Europe and America? And, why do so many authors reference standard Euro-American popular music scholarship – Nicola Dibben, Charles Fairchild, Simon Frith, Bruno Latour, Keith Negus, Roy Shuker, John Storey, Tim Wall and Peter Webb all make an appearance before page 30?

Rather disconcertingly, recent years have seen two groups of Korean gatekeepers emerge for Korean pop, one led by Shin, and the other, the World Association for Hallyu Studies, led by Oh Ingyu and (until 2017) Park Gil-Sung. Shin points out that Oh and Park would not agree with his perspectives (p. 8), but otherwise ignores them and their group. Again, it is disappointing to read Shin’s comment that his participation in the 2005 conference of the International Association for the Study of Popular Music (IASPM) in Rome “marks the emergence of Korean scholarship on Korean popular music on a global scale” (p. 8), since this denigrates the contributions of so many. It also ignores the fact that my volume resulted from a series of conference papers and panels begun a number of years earlier at conferences of the Association for Korean Studies in Europe, the British Association for Korean Studies and the Society for Ethnomusicology, and for the International Institute for Asian Studies. Any attempt to police or sideline the efforts and scholarship of those with non-Korean ethnicity needs to be resisted, particularly in books like this designed for a non-Korean readership. We deserve better from Routledge, and the *Made in Korea* editors.

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My late colleague and mentor Pamela Gutman began her career in the 1970s with studies of first millennium CE Arakan, now a western state of Myanmar. From the time I started working with her 20 or so years ago, a recurrent theme was that the more you looked at areas of Southeast Asia outside Burma/Myanmar, our area of specialization, the more similarities you detected, and needed to explain. Many others, of course, were being affected by this paradigm shift. Specialists, who had perhaps been bound to local regions by elements as simple as hard-sought permission from national governments, ongoing relationships with local colleagues, or funding bodies who preferred a tightly focused programme of research, began to cast academic glances further afield. This was aided by other elements not directly related to pure research: political enthusiasm, particularly in the ASEAN nations, for international co-operation in many fields, including archaeological and historical research; lower air fares that enabled regional and European-US-Australasian