

Die wissenschaftliche Aufarbeitung der deutschen Kolonialzeit in der Südsee – Kritische Bemerkungen zum Handbuch „Die deutsche Südsee 1884 – 1914“

English abstract:

This article reviews and analyzes most of the contributions as well as the editorial work of Hermann J. Hiery in his handbook on German colonial rule in the Pacific, 1884 – 1914. A detailed résumé discusses several critical points, e.g., the Eurocentric attitude shown by the selection of themes, the uncritical depiction of German rule in general and the academic style of writing inappropriate to attracting a broad readership of such a handbook. On the other hand, several positive things are pointed out like the multifocal attitude, the prominent position of German ethnologists as authors in this book, the uniqueness of such a handbook on German colonial rule in a specific area and the publication of many original documents.