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Ph.D.(Economics),  
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Economic Development,  
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## Research Group I

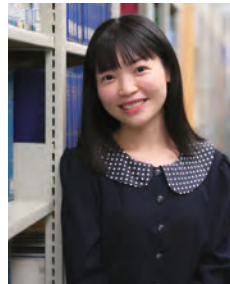
### Contemporary Issues on Asia-Japan Economic Relations

This group cooperates with researchers both in Japan and overseas to carry out academic and policy research conducive to the joint development of Asia, focusing on Japan's ties with Asia and policy issues accompanying changes in the economic environment, such as globalization and carrying out academic research into the processes that generate those changes and their economic impact.



**Distinguished  
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Ph.D.(Economics),  
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Agricultural Economics,  
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Development Economics,  
Applied Microeconometrics

## Research Group II

### Growth Policies and Experiences among Asian Countries

This group studies what emerging Asian countries can learn from Japan's economic development process and related policies. Additionally, we inquire about what Japan, in turn, can learn from the growth process and associated policies of Asian countries with remarkable growth and put forward policy proposals based on the research results.



**Associate Professor  
KISHIMOTO  
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Ph.D.(Development Studies),  
University of Sussex  
Economic Development  
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**Assistant Professor  
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Health Economics,  
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**Assistant Professor  
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Ph.D.,The University  
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Urban Development,  
International Migration  
and Tourism, Spatial  
Big Data Analysis

## Research Group III

### Urban Policies for Revitalization of Kitakyushu

Considering successful examples of urban and regional development and related policies in Japan and overseas, this group investigates the transportation infrastructure construction, environmental business, and sustainable urban development that are conducive to the revitalization of Kitakyushu and puts forward policy proposals based on the research results.



**Assistant  
Professor  
Alvaro  
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Ph.D.(Economics),  
Nagoya University  
Economics of Networks,  
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The University of Tokyo  
Chinese Economy,  
Economics of Happiness,  
Population Economics

## Consulting Division

### A Think Tank Emphasizing Contribution to the Local Community

This group conducts investigative research geared towards supporting the realization of significant projects in Kitakyushu from an academic standpoint and promoting policy in Kitakyushu, proposing ways to promote local industrial and economic growth through collaboration with economic organizations and companies in the region.



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Ph.D.(Urban and  
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Urban Analysis,  
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# Introduction of Visiting Researchers



Distinguished Professor  
**OTSUKA Keijiro**

Professor, Center for Social Systems Innovation,  
Kobe University

Ph.D.(Economics), University of Chicago



Distinguished Professor  
**TAKAGI Shinji**

Professor Emeritus of Economics,  
Osaka University

Ph.D.(Economics), University of Rochester



Distinguished Professor  
**Charles Yuji HORIOKA**

Professor, Center for Social Systems Innovation,  
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Ph.D.(Business Economics), Harvard University



Visiting Professor  
**Eric Donald RAMSTETTER**

Visiting Professor, Thammasat University

Ph.D.(Economics), University of Colorado



Visiting Professor  
**KAMEYAMA Yoshihiro**

Professor, Faculty of Economics, Saga University

Ph.D.(Economics), Kyoto University



Visiting Professor  
**KOMATSU Masayuki**

Chairman/President, Ecosystem Research Institute

Ph.D.(Agriculture and Life Science),  
The University of Tokyo  
MBA, Yale School of Management



Visiting Professor  
**CHUJO Ushio**

Professor Emeritus, Keio University

Former President, Society of Transport Economics  
Guest Researcher, ANA Research Institute



Visiting Professor  
**Nazrul ISLAM**

Former Chief of Development Research,  
United Nations

Ph.D.(Economics), Harvard University



Visiting Professor  
**NIIMI Yoko**

Professor, Faculty of Policy Studies,  
Doshisha University

Ph.D.(Economics), University of Sussex



Visiting Professor  
**HASHINO Tomoko**

Professor, Graduate School of Economics,  
Kobe University

Ph.D.(Economics), Hitotsubashi University



Visiting Professor  
**YOSHIMATSU Hidetaka**

Professor, College of Asia Pacific Studies,  
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

Ph.D.(International Relations),  
Australian National University



Research Fellow  
**UCHIDA Shinsuke**

Professor, Graduate School of Economics,  
Nagoya City University

Ph.D. (Agricultural and Resource Economics),  
University of Maryland



Research Fellow  
**Xiaonan SUN**

Data Scientist, Coursera, Canada

Ph.D.(Strategy and Business Economics),  
University of British Columbia



Research Fellow  
**TASHIRO Tomoharu**

Associate Professor, Faculty of Business Administration,  
Department of Business Administration,  
University of Nagasaki

Ph.D.(Business Administration), University of Hyogo



Research Fellow  
**Pramod Kumar SUR**

Associate Professor,  
College of Gastronomy Management,  
Ritsumeikan University

Ph.D.(Economics), Osaka University



Research Fellow  
**HASHIYAMA Yoshihiro**

Secretary General, Fukuoka Mass Media Alumni Network

Former Senior Staff Writer,  
The Mainichi Newspapers Co.



Research Fellow  
**ANAMI Takeshi**

Adviser, MATSUO HOLDINGS

Former Director of Kitakyushu City Buildings  
and City Planning Bureau



Research Associate  
**ICHINOHE Hiroshi**

Owner and Head, First Door, Inc.

Proprietor, one's education



Research Associate  
**HOSHINA Hiroki**

Investigative Researcher



Successive  
Chairman

**TANAKA Kenzo** (1990-) : Former President of Kyushu University  
**KAMATA Michisada** (2005-) : Former Chairman of Kyushu  
Economic Federation  
**SUEYOSHI Koichi** (2009-) : Former Mayor of Kitakyushu  
**HATTA Tatsuo** (June 2018-) : Former President of the National Graduate Institute  
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Successive  
President

**ISOMURA Eiichi** (1989-) : Former President of Toyo University  
**ICHIMURA Shinichi** (1995-) : Professor Emeritus of Kyoto University  
**YAMASHITA Shoichi** (2002-) : Professor Emeritus of Hiroshima University  
**TANIMURA Hidehiko** (2009-) : Professor Emeritus of the University of Tsukuba  
**HATTA Tatsuo** (2013-) : Professor Emeritus of Osaka University  
**DAI Erbiao** (July 2022-)