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特殊研究募集 Sub-Seminar Guide

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2026年度 演習募集教員一覧/List of Faculty Members

理論分析講座/Theoretical Analysis

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計量・統計分析講座/Statistics and Econometric Analysis

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①Theoretical Analysis

Name	ASHIYA Masahiro Professor		①-1
Research Fields	Microeconomics		
Content of the seminar and requirements for students This course is designed to help students write academic papers. The goal is to write academic papers publishable in renowned international journals. Participants are expected to read at least 10 published papers per week. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer Game Theory Analysis of Platform Information			
Method of recruitment and selection Selection procedure at the first recruitment deadline : Document review only Selection procedure at the second recruitment deadline : Document review only			
Office hours Please make an appointment in advance by email.			
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Name	Takashi Shimizu Professor		①-2
Research Fields	Microeconomic Theory		
Content of the seminar and requirements for students • This course offers training in theoretical research grounded in microeconomic theory, including game theory, search theory, and organizational economics. • The course will begin with student-led presentations on textbooks or research papers selected to match each student's interests, with the aim of clarifying the research topic and relevant literature. Building on these presentations, each student will then develop and write a research paper. • Prerequisites include undergraduate-level microeconomics and mathematical economics. • Attendance at office hours is required. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer "A Search Theory of Electronic Money" "The Mechanism Behind Reference-Point-Induced Delayed Agreement: A One-Sided-Offer Bargaining Model" "Re-examining IA Algorithms and Their Extensions"			
Method of recruitment and selection Selection procedure at the first recruitment deadline : Interview Selection procedure at the second recruitment deadline : Interview			
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Name	Teruyoshi Kobayashi Professor	①-3
Research Fields	Network Science, Macroeconomics, Monetary Policy	
Content of the seminar and requirements for students Network science is an interdisciplinary field that investigates the mechanisms and dynamics underlying economic and social phenomena. Research topics span macroeconomics, game theory, and statistical modeling. Students are expected to develop strong mathematical, statistical, and programming skills. We welcome students interested both in data science using real-world data and in the theoretical study of network phenomena through mathematical models. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer An analysis of dynamical stability in network games		
Method of recruitment and selection Selection procedure at the first recruitment deadline : Interview Selection procedure at the second recruitment deadline : Interview		
Office hours By appointment		
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Name	Eiichi Miyagawa		Professor	①-4
Research Fields	Game Theory, Behavioral Economics			
Content of the seminar and requirements for students This seminar trains students to develop mathematical models using game theory and behavioral economics to better understand the mechanisms underlying human behavior in society. Game theory is used to model factors such as constraints on actions, the timing of decisions, and the information available to individuals, while behavioral economics captures the motivations and psychological aspects of individual behavior. The seminar begins with exercises in game theory and progressively develops students' expertise to a more advanced level. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer "Multi-dimensional cheap talk games", "Gender-based price differences on dating apps", "Early recruitment and disclosure of job offers", "Optimal pricing strategy with word of mouth on a network", "Psychology of fan culture", "Optimal ratio of misinformation in media", "Optimal redemption rate for third-party payments", "Secondary creators and original authors," "Requests with ambiguous statements," "Rationality of shrine visits," "Menu pricing in oligopolistic markets," "Signaling in betting," "People who can't be honest"				
Method of recruitment and selection Selection procedure at the first recruitment deadline : Interview Selection procedure at the second recruitment deadline : Interview				
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②Historical Analysis

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Research Fields	Economic History of Modern Japan, Quantitative Economic History, Development Economics	
Content of the seminar and requirements for students I welcome students interested in conducting empirical research in economic history concerning the factors driving Japan's modern economic development. I wish to study with motivated students willing to conduct literature reviews, collect data, and carry out field research to write empirical papers in economic history. I am also happy to advise students interested in research focusing on developing countries or comparative economic history. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer Examples of Master's Theses Submitted by Seminar Graduates Structural Changes in Weaving Industry Fukui Prefecture Studied through the Management of Katsuyama Kigyo Keitei Company; The State of Diversified Production in Banshu Weaving district during the Interwar Period; Revitalization of Nada's Sake Brands and Regional Development; Comparative Study of Technology Transfer and International Competitiveness in Silk Weaving Industries of Japan, China, and India; Revisiting Structural Transformation: A Comparative Empirical Study, etc.		
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Office hours Make an appointment via email. Zoom appointments are also available.		
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Name	Shunsuke Nakaoka Professor	②-2
Research Fields	Economic History of Europe and the US, Comparative Economic History	
Content of the seminar and requirements for students Graduate Students who wish to research or explore the global economic development from historical perspective will be welcome. Strong interest on the recent trend of researches on economic history will be necessary for conducting own research. In addition, certain wills for knowing studies on related academic disciplines will be helpful for enhancing own knowledge, which will contribute for own survival within the academic world. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer none (currently)		
Method of recruitment and selection Selection procedure at the first recruitment deadline : Interview Selection procedure at the second recruitment deadline : Interview		
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③Statistics and Econometric Analysis

Name	Naoya Sueishi Professor	③-1
Research Fields	Econometrics	
Content of the seminar and requirements for students This seminar focuses on the theoretical research in econometrics. Although students interested in empirical research may be accepted, admission is limited to those with a strong interest in theoretical work. The seminar is not intended for learning basic materials; therefore, students only with to learn how to use econometric methods are encouraged to take regular courses (Econometrics A and B) instead. Students who wish to apply must attend the office hours. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer "Forecasting the Japanese Macroeconomy Using High-Dimensional Data", "Is a Pension Increase Good for Health? Empirical Evidence from China's Rural Pension Scheme"		
Method of recruitment and selection Selection procedure at the first recruitment deadline : Interview Selection procedure at the second recruitment deadline : Interview		
Office hours Appointment by email		
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Name	Akio Namba Professor	③-2						
Research Fields	Statistics, Econometrics							
Content of the seminar and requirements for students The specific content covered will be determined in consultation with the students, but it will primarily focus on the theories of statistics and econometrics. Prospective seminar participants are encouraged to schedule a meeting prior to applying, in order to avoid potential mismatches. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer A spatial econometric analysis of the impact of economic agglomeration and distribution on regional development.								
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Office hours Please schedule an appointment via email. Attendance at the scheduled office hours is mandatory for all applicants. Only those who attend will be considered for selection.								
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Name	Yoichi Matsubayashi	Professor	③-3
Research Fields	Empirical Analysis in International Macroeconomics		
Content of the seminar and requirements for students Knowledge of undergraduate-level macroeconomics and econometrics is already acquired. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer The Impact of Immigrants on Trade: Evidence from Japan			
Method of recruitment and selection Selection procedure at the first recruitment deadline : Document review only Selection procedure at the second recruitment deadline : Document review only			
Office hours Please consult via email.			
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Name	Kaiji Motegi	Professor	③-4
Research Fields	Econometrics, Time Series Analysis		
Content of the seminar and requirements for students In this seminar course, we study the theory, methodology, and applications of econometrics and time series analysis. Students who are interested in these fields are encouraged to join this seminar. Students whose thesis topics are theoretical or methodological econometrics are particularly welcome. If students choose applied topics for their theses, they should pay sufficient attention to the theoretical and methodological aspects of their empirical analyses. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer "Econometric analysis of the Japan Real Estate Investment Trust (J-REIT) market", "Portfolio diversification effects in sector-specific TSE REIT Indices", "Statistical analysis of macroeconomic hysteresis effects in Japan"			
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④Technological and Environmental Analysis

Name	Hiroaki Sakamoto	Associate Professor	④-1
Research Fields	Applied theory, numerical methods□		
Content of the seminar and requirements for students Students will write a research paper on applied theory, whether in microeconomics or macroeconomics. Those who are interested should attend my office hours. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer NA			
Method of recruitment and selection Selection procedure at the first recruitment deadline : Combined interview and test Selection procedure at the second recruitment deadline : Combined interview and test			
Office hours by appointment			
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Name	Takahiro Tsuge Professor	④-2
Research Fields	Environmental Economics	
Content of the seminar and requirements for students The theme of this seminar is empirical research in environmental economics. Students will present on prior research and their own studies. Students should have an undergraduate-level understanding of microeconomics, macroeconomics, and econometrics. They will also be required to learn how to use software such as R and Stata. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer There are no seminar completers yet.		
Method of recruitment and selection Selection procedure at the first recruitment deadline : Document review only Selection procedure at the second recruitment deadline : Document review only		
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Name	Kenta Nakamura	Associate Professor	④-3
Research Fields	Economics of innovation, Economic of the firm		
Content of the seminar and requirements for students This seminar course is designed to guide you in writing a research paper on a topic of your choice. Your research should focus on empirical studies related to firm behavior, industrial structure, innovation, or intellectual property rights systems, among other areas. Prospective students interested in joining the seminar must schedule a consultation with me to discuss their research plans before applying. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer "How COVID-19 pandemic transformed multinational R&D collaboration" "Innovation and Income Inequality from a Spatial Perspective: Evidence from Japanese Prefecture Panel Data"			
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Office hours Please email me to arrange an appointment.			
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⑤Comparative Economic Policy

Name	Kai KAJITANI Professor	⑤-1
Research Fields	Chinese Economy, Developing Economy	
Content of the seminar and requirements for students This course examines the economic development of China and other Asian countries from the perspective of development economics and the economics of institutions, including historical analysis. Students must have undergraduate- level knowledge of micro- and macroeconomics and sufficient English skills to read academic literature. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer "Impact of the Digital Economy on University Student Employment in China", "Impact of the Introduction of the Government's Real Estate Price Control Policy on Housing Prices in China"		
Method of recruitment and selection Selection procedure at the first recruitment deadline : Document review only Selection procedure at the second recruitment deadline : Document review only		
Office hours (1) April 9(Wed) 12:20-13:30, (2) April 11 (Fri) 17:00-18:00. Both office hours will be held in my office (Kanematsu Memorial Hall 215).		
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Name	Takuji Kinkyo Professor		⑤-2
Research Fields	Empirical Analysis in Macroeconomics and Finance		
Content of the seminar and requirements for students I welcome students who wish to conduct empirical research in macroeconomics and finance using econometric and machine learning techniques. Students should have a basic knowledge about statistics and learn how to use econometric software (e.g., R, Python) independently. Since I am scheduled to retire in three years, students wishing to pursue the Ph.D. program are advised to choose another seminar. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer A Comparative Analysis of LSTM Models in Exchange Rate Forecasting, Global Risk Shocks and Regional Transmission: A BGVAR Analysis of the Asia-Pacific Region			
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Research Fields	Economics of Education, Labor Economics	
Content of the seminar and requirements for students This seminar focuses on empirical analysis in the economics of education and labor economics. Participants are expected to have a theoretical and empirical interest in the effects of education and labor policies, as well as in the relationship between education and the labor market. Those who wish to pursue empirical research using econometrics are strongly encouraged to take relevant coursework. To avoid mismatches on both sides, applicants who wish to join the seminar must make an appointment by email in advance and attend a faculty interview. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer 「コロナ禍の休校が家計の教育投資に与えた影響」、「部活動参加が教育のアウトカムに与える影響」、「競業避止義務の経済分析」、「結婚と家庭内分業が男女の労働時間に与える影響」		
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Research Fields	Development Economics, International Economics, Indian Economics		
Content of the seminar and requirements for students We will conduct an empirical analysis of economic development in developing countries, such as India, from the perspectives of development economics and international economics. The requirements for application are 1) Knowledge of microeconomics and macroeconomics at the undergraduate level; 2) A strong interest in developing economies. Proficiency in statistical software such as Stata is essential; however, this skill can be acquired after joining the seminar. Applicants should make an appointment in advance via email for an interview. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer			
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Research Fields	Banking Sector and Monetary Policy, European Economy and Integration	
Content of the seminar and requirements for students This seminar focuses on empirical analysis of the topics of monetary policy, banking sector and European economy. Students interested in these and related topics are welcome. In the seminar students make presentations on research papers and textbooks or own research progress. Students wishing to join the seminar are asked to first make appointment with professor by mail to discuss a student's research interests and seminar contents. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer Spillover Effect of UK Financial Market on the Major Global Stock Market Spillover effects of ECB non-standard monetary policy to EU member states Booms, Crisis and Rebounds ~Determinants of the Economic Fate in European countries~		
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⑥Industrial and Social Policy

Name	Tomoko Kinugasa Professor	⑥-1
Research Fields	Agricultural policy and population policy	
Content of the seminar and requirements for students My seminar welcome students who are going to write a master's thesis in one of the following areas: population, agriculture, or food. I recommend students to conduct econometric analyses. My supervised students have written their thesis by econometric analysis using data from prefectures in Japan, countries around the world, Chinese provinces, micro data, and time series data. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer The inter-provincial migration in China: Empirical analysis using provincial panel data, Efficiency of Rice Cultivation in Vietnam		
Method of recruitment and selection Selection procedure at the first recruitment deadline : Document review only Selection procedure at the second recruitment deadline : Document review only		
Office hours Appintment by Email. Please email me by noon on April 17th.		
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Name	Jun Suzuki	Professor	⑥-2
Research Fields	Theories and Thoughts of Economic Systems / Nonprofit Economy		
Content of the seminar and requirements for students We work on theoretical and empirical studies, as well as economic thoughts on: welfare states, comparative economic systems, third sector economy and nonprofit economy. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer "Partnership between the third sector and local authorities", "T.H. Green's Freedom and Common Good"			
Method of recruitment and selection Selection procedure at the first recruitment deadline : Document review only Selection procedure at the second recruitment deadline : Document review only			
Office hours Appointment by email.			
E-mail	suzukij@econ.kobe-u.ac.jp		

Name	Yoshihide FUJIOKA Professor	⑥-3
Research Fields	Socialpolicy Socialsecurity , Regional Revitalization Theory	
Content of the seminar and requirements for students I am seeking applicants who conduct research on social policy, both in Japan and internationally, with a focus on theoretical studies of the welfare state, social security, and social welfare, as well as regional revitalization, combined with empirical research based on fieldwork. In particular, candidates with a strong motivation to engage in both literature-based research and fieldwork are highly desirable. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer Foreign migrant workers in France, Freelancers and Social Security , Employment Support for People with Disabilities		
Method of recruitment and selection Selection procedure at the first recruitment deadline : Interview Selection procedure at the second recruitment deadline : Interview		
Office hours Please contact me by email to schedule a convenient date and time. I will conduct an interview in person or online via Zoom.		
E-mail	fujioka@econ.kobe-u.ac.jp	

Name	Tomomichi Mizuno Professor	⑥-4
Research Fields	Theory of Industrial Organization	
Content of the seminar and requirements for students This seminar is designed for students interested in conducting theoretical analyses of industrial organization using game theory. I cannot provide guidance on research using data or research focusing on specific industries. If you are interested in attending the seminar, please schedule an interview appointment in advance. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer Endogenous Privacy and Heterogeneous Price Sensitivity		
Method of recruitment and selection Selection procedure at the first recruitment deadline : Document review only Selection procedure at the second recruitment deadline : Document review only		
Office hours Please schedule an appointment via email.		
E-mail	Office: Kanematsu Memorial Hall 102, E-mail: mizuno@econ.kobe-u.ac.jp	

Name	Atsushi Yamaoka Associate Professor	⑥-5
Research Fields	Health Policy, Health Economics, Social Policy	
Content of the seminar and requirements for students Seminar Content: The seminar focuses on empirical research related to social security systems. Requirements for Students: Students are strongly encouraged to identify specific societal or policy challenges when defining their research topics. Participants are required to report their progress at least once every two weeks. I am currently leading a research project on emergency transport systems using healthcare databases from Kobe City. Priority will be given to students interested in conducting research within this specific domain. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer "Empirical Study on Retiring Age Extension and Consumer Behavior" "The Impact of Improved Working Conditions in Long-term Care on Labor Demand"		
Method of recruitment and selection Selection procedure at the first recruitment deadline : Document review only Selection procedure at the second recruitment deadline : Interview		
Office hours Prospective applicants for the primary screening are requested to make an individual appointment via email. To facilitate scheduling, please suggest at least three potential dates and times in your initial message.		
E-mail	yamaoka@econ.kobe-u.ac.jp	

Name	Kazufumi Yugami Professor	⑥-6
Research Fields	Labor Economics	
Content of the seminar and requirements for students This seminar will focus on empirical research based on labor economics. Students are expected to have a theoretical and empirical interest in labor markets and labor policy. Students who are interested in empirical analysis using econometrics are strongly encouraged to take related courses. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer An Empirical Analysis of Telework Adoption in Post-COVID Japan, The Impact of Long Working Hours on Women's Employment Continuity: Evidence from China, The Long-Term Effects of the Great East Japan Earthquake on Income and Employment		
Method of recruitment and selection Selection procedure at the first recruitment deadline : Document review only Selection procedure at the second recruitment deadline : Document review only		
Office hours Please make an appointment via email. ☐		
E-mail	"Lab:2nd Bldg. 301, yugami@econ.kobe-u.ac.jp" ☐	

⑦Monetary and Public Policy

Name	Kentaro Iwatsubo	Professor	⑦-1						
Research Fields	Finance, International Finance								
Content of the seminar and requirements for students Graduate students interested in conducting empirical research in finance (equities, foreign exchange, commodities, cryptocurrencies, bonds) and performing data analysis using machine learning are welcome. Computer skills are essential. You will study Python or R. The ability to read literature in English is also required. You must take Microeconomics I, Econometrics, and Time Series Analysis. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer "Deep learning for predicting Exchange rate by term structure" "Price Discovery in Gold Futures Markets"									
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Office hours Make an appointment via email as soon as possible. For details about graduate seminars, please visit the faculty member's website.									
E-mail	iwatsubo@econ.kobe-u.ac.jp								

Name	Yoichi Otsubo	Associate Professor	⑦-2
Research Fields	Finance		
Content of the seminar and requirements for students You will engage in empirical analysis in the field of Finance. Very good understanding in Finance theories, Econometrics, preferably of Time Series Analysis, and competence in statistical software such as R or Matlab are required. All activities and communications including presentation, discussion, and thesis writing will be in English. Please make an appointment by email for the interview. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer			
Method of recruitment and selection Selection procedure at the first recruitment deadline : Document review only Selection procedure at the second recruitment deadline : Interview			
Office hours By Email appointment.			
E-mail	otsubo@econ.kobe-u.ac.jp		

Name	Yoshikatsu TATAMITANI		Professor	⑦-3						
Research Fields	Mechanism Design, Public Economics									
Content of the seminar and requirements for students We conduct economic analysis using microeconomics, public economics, and game theory, with a particular focus on economic issues where “incentives” are a key concept. Considering the incentives of members of society and economies, we examine mechanisms that lead to socially desirable outcomes. For some topics related to these issues, please refer to the following. ・坂井豊貴・藤中裕二・若山琢磨 (2008) 『メカニズムデザイン』ミネルヴァ書房. ・Mas-Colell, A., M. Whinston, and J. R. Green (1995), Microeconomics Theory, Oxford University Press, New York, NY., pp. 857-925. ・Hindriks, J. and G. Myles (2013), Intermediate Public Economics, 2nd ed., MIT Press, Cambridge, MA. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer ・混雑を踏まえた鉄道の料金設定の検討 ・Analysis of Home-based Elderly Care Platforms in China ・Game-Theoretic Analysis of the Graduate Employment Agreement										
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Office hours Please make an appointment by email no later than Wednesday, April 15. Office hours will be held on Google Meet.										
E-mail	tatamitani@econ.kobe-u.ac.jp									

Name	Shin-Ichi Nishiyama		Professor	⑦-4
Research Fields	Monetary Economics, Monetary Policy, Macroeconomics			
Content of the seminar and requirements for students Students who are interested in monetary economics (especially empirical analysis of banking behavior), monetary policy, and macroeconomics (especially DSGE models), and who aspire to write a paper that is publishable in academic journals are most welcome. Students with a certain level of programming skills are preferred, since software such as MATLAB or STATA will be used in the research supervision. Students with a high level of English language skills are also preferred. For more information regarding my research, please visit the following link. https://researchmap.jp/read0150020/?lang=en Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer "The Effect of Monetary Policies on the Profitability of Commercial Banks in China" "A Macro-finance term structure model for South Korea: Comparison of closed economy and small open economy models"				
Method of recruitment and selection Selection procedure at the first recruitment deadline : Document review only Selection procedure at the second recruitment deadline : Document review only				
Office hours Students wishing to join my seminar should contact me via e-mail in advance. On-line or in-person meeting can be arranged.				
E-mail	nishiyama@econ.kobe-u.ac.jp			

Name	Tomomi Miyazaki Professor	⑦-5
Research Fields	Public Finance/Public Economics	
Content of the seminar and requirements for students We study empirical methods used in the field of public economics. For more details on my research and seminar, please see the website below. https://sites.google.com/view/tomomisite2/home/course-jpn/grad-seminar Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer "Local Fiscal Multipliers: Evidence from South Africa," "The Effects of Immigration on Social Expenditure in Host Countries"□		
Method of recruitment and selection Selection procedure at the first recruitment deadline : Interview Selection procedure at the second recruitment deadline : Interview		
Office hours Appointment by email.		
E-mail	miyazaki@econ.kobe-u.ac.jp	

⑧International Economic Policy

Name	Yunfang Hu Professor	⑧-1
Research Fields	International Economics, Macroeconomics	
Content of the seminar and requirements for students We welcome students who are interested in learning theoretical models of international trade and economic growth and in conducting quantitative policy analysis based on these models using related software such as Matlab and Stata. Please note that we do not accept students who have no interest in theoretical models of international trade and economic growth. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer "Fiscal Policy and Female Labor Supply", "Measuring the Change in Production and Value-Added Trade: the Case of Automobile Industry in GVC".		
Method of recruitment and selection Selection procedure at the first recruitment deadline : Document review only Selection procedure at the second recruitment deadline : Combined interview and test		
Office hours Please make an appointment by email.		
E-mail	yhu@econ.kobe-u.ac.jp	

Name	Ken-ichi Hashimoto	Professor	⑧-2
Research Fields	Macroeconomic Dynamics		
Content of the seminar and requirements for students The research theme of this seminar is on the theoretical analysis of macroeconomic dynamics. Please make an appointment by email for the interview and test. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer NA			
Method of recruitment and selection Selection procedure at the first recruitment deadline : Combined interview and test Selection procedure at the second recruitment deadline : Combined interview and test			
Office hours Email Appointment			
E-mail	hashimoto@econ.kobe-u.ac.jp		

⑨Research Institute for Economics and Business
Administration

Name	Mika Akesaka	Associate Professor	⑨-1
Research Fields	Labor Economics, Behavioral Economics		
Content of the seminar and requirements for students We conduct empirical research in labor economics (including related fields such as the economics of the family) and behavioral economics. Students are expected to have a solid understanding of undergraduate-level economic theory and econometrics, as well as sufficient English proficiency to read academic papers. This field requires a significant amount of work, particularly in constructing, cleaning, and analyzing data. We will conduct a preliminary screening of application documents, and interviews will be held only for those who successfully pass this stage. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer None to date			
Method of recruitment and selection Selection procedure at the first recruitment deadline : Interview Selection procedure at the second recruitment deadline : Interview			
Office hours Please make an appointment by email. Applications will be closed once we reach capacity.			
E-mail	mika_akesaka@rieb.kobe-u.ac.jp		

Name	IWASA, Kazumichi		Professor	⑨-2
Research Fields	International Economics, Macroeconomic Dynamics			
Content of the seminar and requirements for students • Students applying to my seminar must schedule an office hours meeting with me. • Students enrolled in my seminar will be required to conduct research on theoretical models. • I cannot provide guidance on research using data or research focused on specific industries. • Knowledge of undergraduate-level microeconomics and mathematical economics is essential. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer I have no graduates from my seminar (nor any students currently under my supervision).				
Method of recruitment and selection Selection procedure at the first recruitment deadline : Interview Selection procedure at the second recruitment deadline : Interview				
Office hours Please schedule an appointment via email.				
E-mail	iwasa@rieb.kobe-u.ac.jp			

Name	Takashi Kamihigashi		Professor	⑨-3
Research Fields	economic theory, macroeconomic dynamics, computational social science			
Content of the seminar and requirements for students The content of the seminar and the research themes of the seminar students are primarily based on the students' interests. There are no particular demands on the students. My own specialty is economic theory based on dynamic optimization, and in recent years, I have also been conducting research related to computational social science. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer "The Impact of Telework on Employee Stress", "Japan's Minimum Wage and Labor Productivity", "A Study on Chinese Consumers' Price Sensitivity and Behavioral Changes Due to COVID-19", "The Impact of Electronic Money on Money Demand", "Empirical Analysis of the Effects of Peer Influence on Mobile Students", "The Effect of Purchase Regulation Policy on Housing Prices in China", "Theoretical Model on Unemployment and Endogenous Growth", "Dynamic Analysis of Environment and Technology Selection"				
Method of recruitment and selection Selection procedure at the first recruitment deadline : Interview Selection procedure at the second recruitment deadline : Interview				
Office hours Appointment by email				
E-mail	tkamihig@rieb.kobe-u.ac.jp			

Name	Shigeto Kitano Professor	⑨-4
Research Fields	International Macroeconomics	
Content of the seminar and requirements for students In this seminar, students study issues in international macroeconomics, with a particular focus on emerging economies, using Dynamic Stochastic General Equilibrium (DSGE) models. A solid background in mathematics is required to understand DSGE models. Basic programming skills in MATLAB are also expected. In addition, students should have working knowledge of time series econometrics, including Vector Autoregression (VAR) models and Local Projections. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer The Transmission of Commodity Price Fluctuations to Emerging Economies: Cross-Country Analysis		
Method of recruitment and selection Selection procedure at the first recruitment deadline : Document review only Selection procedure at the second recruitment deadline : Interview		
Office hours by appointment		
E-mail	kitano@rieb.kobe-u.ac.jp	

Name	Takahiro Sato Professor		⑨-5
Research Fields	Studies in the Indian Economy		
Content of the seminar and requirements for students A solid and comprehensive understanding of macroeconomics, microeconomics, and econometrics, as typically acquired in the advanced years of undergraduate study, is a prerequisite for participation in this seminar. Proficiency in statistical software packages such as TSP, EViews, STATA, or R would greatly facilitate academic work within the seminar. However, prior experience with these programs is not strictly required, as students may develop the necessary technical skills after enrollment. Although research topics are open to consultation, all participants are expected to conduct some form of empirical analysis utilizing data on the Indian economy. Students who have engaged extensively with scholarly books and academic journal articles on the Indian economy are particularly encouraged to apply. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer An Empirical Analysis of the Efficiency of the Indian Banking Sector, The Hindu Succession (Amendment) Act and Women's Education in India: Evidence from the National Family Health Survey (2015-16)			
Method of recruitment and selection Selection procedure at the first recruitment deadline : Document review only Selection procedure at the second recruitment deadline : Document review only			
Office hours Any student intending to enroll in the seminar must make an appointment in advance via			
E-mail	takahirodevelop@gmail.com		

Name	SHIBAMOTO, Masahiko		Professor	⑨-6
Research Fields	Empirical studies on macroeconomic policies and business cycles			
Content of the seminar and requirements for students 【Seminar Contents】 Presentation of your research, presentation of the literature review, and (if desired) reading of textbooks on macroeconometrics and monetary policy. 【Requirements to students】 Students should have the ability to read papers in English. Undergraduate level knowledge of macroeconomics and econometrics. I welcome students who are interested in monetary policy, business cycle, and applied time-series econometrics. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer "The Impact of Negative Interest Rate Policy on Bank Balance Sheets," "An Analysis of the Call Market with Bargaining and Matching," "The Effect of the Bank of Japan's Monetary Policy on Income Inequality under Low Interest Rates," "The Effect of the Oil Price Shock on Japanese Industries," "Long-Term Perspective and Business Initiatives in Small and Medium Enterprises: Empirical Analysis Using Causal Forest," "Analysis of the Impact of Negative Interest Rate Policy Using Bank Panel Data," "A Study on the Relationship between SMEs' Characteristics and their Financing Sources," "A New Method for Estimating Hyogo Prefecture's Quarterly GDP Growth Rate Using the Nowcasting Approach"				
Method of recruitment and selection Selection procedure at the first recruitment deadline : Document review only Selection procedure at the second recruitment deadline : Interview				
Office hours Appointment by email. If you wish to join our seminar, schedule a pre-interview before applying.				
E-mail	shibamoto@rieb.kobe-u.ac.jp			

Name	Junyi Shen		Professor	⑨-7
Research Fields	Behavioral Economics, Applied Econometrics			
Content of the seminar and requirements for students Content of the seminar: Using methods such as economic experiments and questionnaire surveys, this seminar focuses on analyzing human irrationality that has a substantial impact on economic behavior but has often been neglected or misunderstood in previous research. Acquiring econometric analysis techniques is essential for writing a master's thesis. During the seminar, students will present their own research as well as relevant existing studies, followed by in-depth discussions. Requirement for students: In principle, I will only supervise students who have selected me as either their first or second preference. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer (1) An empirical analysis on the determinants of overweight and obesity in China. (2) Factors affecting participation in health checkups: Evidence from Japanese survey data.				
Method of recruitment and selection Selection procedure at the first recruitment deadline : Interview Selection procedure at the second recruitment deadline : Interview				
Office hours Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 13:20-14:20 at Room 124, 1st Floor, Kanematsu Memorial Hall Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 13:20-14:20 at Room 124, 1st Floor, Kanematsu Memorial Hall				
E-mail	shen@rieb.kobe-u.ac.jp			

Name	Hamaguchi, Nobuaki	Professor	⑨-8
Research Fields	Spatial economics, Regional industrial policy		
Content of the seminar and requirements for students We conduct economic analysis using regional data. We are seeking students interested in the interactions between people and businesses across difference places, the optimization of spatial resource allocation, and those interested in studying spatial econometric analysis. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer The impact of special economic zones, high-speed rail, and talent attraction policies on regional economies. The relationship between participation in global value chains and productivity. Spatial analysis of air pollution, minimum wage policies, and regional labor markets. Aging populations and the real estate market.			
Method of recruitment and selection Selection procedure at the first recruitment deadline : Interview Selection procedure at the second recruitment deadline : Interview			
Office hours By appointment through email.			
E-mail	hamaguchi@rieb.kobe-u.ac.jp		

Name	Yoshimichi Murakami	Professor	⑨-9
Research Fields	Latin American Economy, Development Economics, Empirical Analysis on International Trade		
Content of the seminar and requirements for students			
In this seminar, students will learn skills for conducting micro-econometric analysis in the field of development economics or international trade (including foreign direct investment and global value chains). In M1, students will study a basic text on "Causal Inference" and engage in journal article readings based on their own research topics, while acquiring practical skills for data analysis. Students are required to take coursework in econometrics (e.g., Econometric Analysis I).			
Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer			
"The Impacts of Land Reforms on Land Productivity in Cuba: Evidence from Crop-Level Panel Data," "The Impacts of FDI on Income Inequality: Evidence from Developing Countries," "Determinants of Early Pension Withdrawal and Its Effects on Labor Supply in Chile"			
Method of recruitment and selection			
Selection procedure at the first recruitment deadline		: Interview	Selection procedure at the second recruitment deadline : Interview
Office hours			
Students who consider participating in this seminar need to make an appointment via email in advance. Office hours are available anytime; however, I recommend early contact.			
E-mail	y-murakami@rieb.kobe-u.ac.jp		

Name	Nobuyoshi YAMORI Professor		⑨-10
Research Fields	Financial System		
Content of the seminar and requirements for students I conduct research on the Japanese financial system. For more information on my research interests, please refer to my recent publications at https://www.rieb.kobe-u.ac.jp/faculty/global_finance/n_yamori.html You are expected to write a solid master's thesis in two years. We do not read common books as our seminar activity, but rather give advice and guidance on each student's research. Please take my lecture on financial systems (in Japanese). We hold research meetings and symposiums, inviting people from outside the university (usually spoken in Japanese), so please participate in them even if they are not necessarily in line with your research theme. All seminar activities are conducted in Japanese. Example of a master's thesis submitted by a seminar completer Determinants of CSR Activities and CSR Disclosure in Shinkin Banks			
Method of recruitment and selection Selection procedure at the first recruitment deadline : Document review only Selection procedure at the second recruitment deadline : Document review only			
Office hours If you would like to learn more about the seminar, please feel free to speak to me during the Financial System lecture. I will provide an explanation after the lecture on April 15 if there are interested students. Alternatively, please contact me using the information below by April 11, and I will arrange another date.			
E-mail	yamori@rieb.kobe-u.ac.jp		

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