

Track #1 Environmental Policy & Rural Development Studies

International Political Economy
Rural & Development Sociology
Environmental & Agricultural Economics



The social sciences are strongly expected to respond to increasing concerns about environmental and food security by providing a basis for knowledge, practices and governance in sustainable development. Sustainable development is a process that requires a holistic way of looking at ourselves and the world around us, i.e. our relationship with each other, with the ecosystem, and with future generations. We are faced with complex problems, which require complex solutions. We therefore need to study and acquire multidimensional and multidisciplinary approaches. Globalisation demands that issues be tackled using international perspectives, but at the same time actual problems are quite likely to arise at the local level. We therefore need to nurture a sense of reality on the ground. These approaches and perspectives are crucial especially in environmental, agricultural and food-related social sciences and policy studies.

Objectives

The objective of the track #1 is to provide an in-depth and comprehensive understanding of the dynamics and processes of sustainable development in the environmental, economic, social and political spheres with a keen focus on the governance of energy, food and natural resources.

Area of Study

The track #1 covers the field of environmental, agricultural and food-related social sciences and policy studies. It is designed for any and all graduate students with an interest in the globally pressing issues of environmental, agricultural and food governance from a wide range of social scientific perspectives, including environmental policy and governance, international political economy of agriculture, international relations, food policy, rural sociology, environmental sociology, development sociology, economic geography, and environmental economics.

Learning Goals

Students participating in the track #1 are expected to acquire the knowledge and skills to analyse the complex and dynamic processes of environmental management, agricultural production and food consumption. It is our educational goal that our students enhance their understanding and critical sense of reality of ecological, economic, social and political systems from a multidimensional and multidisciplinary perspective.

Voice from Student

Mr. Akkharaphon Thongpoon
(Thailand, 2012-2014 Master's / Lecturer
at Prince of Songkla University, Thailand)



I consider the chance to study in the EA Course at Kyoto University as one of the biggest successes of my life. As an undergraduate student, I majored in Development Economics and Political Economics. I joined this programme with a vision to see Thailand attain higher levels of development and a belief that it has to start from agricultural sector reforms. I believe that this programme, along with the able guidance from my supervisor can help me fulfil my interests. Currently I am focusing on the political economy of agriculture with a view to obtain a career as a social developer and contribute to my country in the future. Apart from the classes and research that constitute my academic base, I also love to explore the culture of Japan, its language and the



surrounding scenic beauty and have interest in photography and sports. Kyoto city provides an unparalleled opportunity to engage in all those. I am grateful to the university for allowing me to take up this programme.

International Exchange and Joint Certificate Programme --- Wageningen University, The Netherlands

Students of the track #1 will be encouraged to take an exchange programme (**MSc in International Development Studies / PhD in Rural Development**) at Wageningen University, the Netherlands, one of the world's leading education and research centres in the field of environmental, agricultural and food-related sciences. This will be authorised and institutionalised as a joint certificate seeking programme in the future (under discussion).



- ▶ One of the five departments, Department of Social Sciences, consists of six Sub-departments: Sociology & Anthropology of Development; Sociology & Governance; Communication, Philosophy and Technology; Economics; Business, Consumer and Competence Studies; and Management Decision Support. First two sub-departments, including 7 chair groups such as Rural Sociology, Sociology of Development and Change, and Environmental Policy, among others, are our close counterpart. They collaboratively offer the MSc programme of International Development Studies, in which master students of the track #1 will have a chance to join as an exchange student to take relevant courses.
- ▶ Researchers, including PhD candidates, based in 26 chair groups of Social Sciences and Environmental Sciences, participate in the Wageningen School of Social Sciences (WASS) and promote research that increases the understanding of social processes and design practices around challenges in the domains of food, agriculture, environment, health and development. Doctoral students of the track #1 will have a chance to take part in PhD training courses organized by WASS and other graduate institutions.

Teaching Staff

HISANO, Shuji (Professor)

- ▶ International Political Economy of Agriculture and Food
- ▶ Food Security Governance; Agribusiness; Rural Development

MOROTOMI, Toru (Professor)

- ▶ Public Finance, Environmental Economics
- ▶ State/Local Public Finance, Environmental Policy/Tax

RUDOLPH, Sven (Programme-specific Associate Professor)

- ▶ Political Economy; Environmental Policy Studies
- ▶ Climate Policy; Carbon Pricing; Policy Mix; Political Feasibility

INOUE, Emiko (Senior Lecturer)

- ▶ Environmental Economics; Environmental Policy Studies
- ▶ Environmental Innovation; Environmental Management

LAMBINO, John (Programme-specific Senior Lecturer)

- ▶ Political Economy
- ▶ Migration; Southeast Asia; Geopolitical Economy

FEUER, Hart Nadav (Programme-specific Assistant Professor)

- ▶ Food Studies; Ecological Agriculture; Ethical Consumption

RAJAONARISON, Haja (Research Fellow)

- ▶ Food Security; Agricultural Development; Africa

FRONTE, Maria (Project Professor)

- ▶ Professor, Università di Napoli Federico II

RUIVENKAMP, Guido (Project Professor)

- ▶ Associate Professor, Wageningen University

JONGERDEN, Joost (Project Professor)

- ▶ Assistant Professor, Wageningen University

ROEP, Dirk (Associate Project Professor)

- ▶ Assistant Professor, Wageningen University

List of Courses

- ◆ **Basic** --- Field Research in Japan; Qualitative Research Methods; Introduction to Field Research Methods; Comparative Industry Policy Studies; Comparative Business Ethics; Academic Writing & Discussion
- ◆ **Advanced A**--- International Political Economy of Agriculture; International Agribusiness Studies; Environmental Economic Studies; Sustainable Development Studies; Comparative Development Studies; Agricultural Science & Society; Agrarian Change & Peasant Studies; Spatial Thinking in Social Sciences; Biotechnology Governance & Commons; Environmental Management; Geopolitical Economy of Development; ASEAN Economy & Sustainable Development
- ◆ **Advanced B** --- Field Research in East Asian Region (Thailand, etc.); International Graduate Student Workshop (Netherlands, Germany, etc.)

Ongoing PhD Research Projects

- ✓ Political Economy of Vegetable Oils: Japanese Contribution and Food Regime Perspectives
- ✓ Food Safety Concerns and Vegetable Supply Schemes in China
- ✓ Agrarian Prosumer-driven Sustainable Agrifood Networks in S.Korea, Japan and Italy
- ✓ Agricultural Transition in China: Peasants and Capital
- ✓ Corporate Food Regime, BoP Inclusion and the Forms of Resistance to Cultural Ideology of Consumerism: A Comparative Study of Marginalized Areas in Manila and Mexico City
- ✓ Study on Food Security Policy of China: From an International Relations Perspective
- ✓ Legitimacy of Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) in Indonesia

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Socio-Economic History
Industry Organisation
Political Economy

Voice from Student

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- Capability to understand and apply basic concepts of broadly defined social science, especially Management and Economics.
- Skills to position individual cases in wider social and historical contexts.
- Capability to use historical research methods and case studies.
- Capability to understand time- and location-specific actors, events and institutions from comparative perspective.

International Exchange and Joint Certificate Programme --- University of Glasgow, UK

Master's students who participate in the track #2 will be encouraged to take an exchange programme (**MSc in Global Economy**) at University of Glasgow. Doctoral students who participate in the track #2 will also be offered a joint certificate seeking option under the collaboration with University of Glasgow (under discussion).



- ▶ This programme is designed to provide students with in-depth knowledge of different aspects of economic and business policy issues, based on the foundational disciplines of economics, management, history, law and political science.
- ▶ The aim of this programme is to raise students with practical knowledge and analytical skills in a broad overview of economic and business policy issues.

Exchange Programme --- Copenhagen Business School, Denmark

Master's students who participate in the track #2 will be encouraged to take an exchange programme (**MSc in International Business and Politics**: under discussion) at Copenhagen Business School.



- ▶ The students who participate in this programme are expected to acquire sophisticated knowledge and skills necessary to analyse political and business dynamics, international businesses, national and international political institutions and NGO's.
- ▶ On successful completion of this programme, students will gain various theories and practical knowledge for applying basic concepts of broadly defined social science, especially, international business and politics-related field.

Teaching Staff

KUROSAWA, Takafumi (Professor)

- ▶ Economic History
- ▶ European Economic Policy; Business History; Socio-Economic History

TANAKA, Akira (Associate Professor)

- ▶ Business History; Industrial Studies
- ▶ Sogo-shosha; Resource Network; Inter-firm Relationship

SHIOJI, Hiromi (Professor)

- ▶ Industrial Studies
- ▶ Automobile Industry; Automobile Distribution and Marketing

WATANABE, Junko (Professor)

- ▶ Economic History
- ▶ Pre- and Post-war Japanese Economic History; Industrial Change

SAKADE, Takeshi (Associate Professor)

- ▶ European and American Economic History
- ▶ Aircraft Industry; Nuclear Industry; International Political Economy

KIM, Woojin (Research Fellow)

- ▶ Institutional Economics
- ▶ Diversity and Evolution of Corporate System; Wage-Labour Nexus

WUBS, Ben (Project Professor)

- ▶ Associate Professor, Erasmus University Rotterdam

WADHWANI, Daniel (Project Professor)

- ▶ Associate Professor, University of the Pacific

List of Courses

- ◆ **Basic** --- Field Research in Japan; Research Design A; Introduction to East Asian Economies; Political Economy; Economic History; Comparative Industry Policy Studies; Comparative Business Ethics; Academic Writing & Discussion
- ◆ **Advanced A** --- Japanese Economic History; Comparative Economic Policy; Contemporary Japanese Industry Studies; Social Policy Studies; Economic Development in Asia; International Business; Strategic Management; Readings on Institutional Economics; Environmental Management; ASEAN Economy & Sustainable Development
- ◆ **Advanced B** --- Field Research in East Asian Region (China, S.Korea, etc.); International Graduate Student Workshop (Germany, UK, etc.)

Ongoing/Completed PhD and Completed Master's Research Projects

- ✓ Development of small & medium enterprise (SME) policy in Indonesia
- ✓ Creating Shared Values in Japanese Automotive Industry
- ✓ The Role of Technological Change in Green Growth for Sustainable Business Development
- ✓ The Evolving Diversity of Corporate Systems: A Comparative Study on the Toyota Group and the Hyundai Motor Group
- ✓ The development of SMEs and relates government policies in China in 2000's: With a focus on Shanghai Privately owned Technology Enterprises
- ✓ Economic and Social Causes of International Labour Migration: A comparative institutional analysis of Japan, South Korea and the United Kingdom

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Development Economics
Applied MicroeconomicsDevelopment Economics
Applied Microeconomics

Objectives

Area of Study

- Development Economics as a discipline
- Comparative Economics as an interdisciplinary approach within Economics
- China, Vietnam, Laos, India and other transition and developing economies as field sites
- Developing Economies such as Southeast Asia (Thailand, Indonesia, Myanmar, Philippines, etc.) as field sites
- Transition economies such as Russia and eastern European countries as field sites.

Students participating in this track are expected to become the following types of professionals:

- Professional researcher in development and/or comparative Economics

- ▶ Expert in international development aid
- ▶ Entrepreneur playing an active role in developing and transition economies
- ▶ Public servant playing an active role in developing and transition economies

Voice from Student

Double Master Degree Programme --- Renmin University of China

- ▶ The goal of the **Master of Chinese Economy (MACE)** program is to provide overseas students with analytical training focused on economic development in China, to provide students with a platform to develop the critical thinking skills and knowledge necessary to become experts at analyzing China's economy and policies.
- ▶ All courses offered in this program are taught in English by qualified faculty approved by the graduate school at RUC. Faculty members have a diverse background and most of them have been trained at some of the most prestigious academic institutions in the world and have impressive lists of publications and academic achievements.



Double Master Degree Programme --- Chulalongkorn University, Thailand

- ▶ The **MSc in Health Economics and Health Care Management** is an intensive programme which focuses on making optimum use of resources to achieve defined health and social goals. It accepts students with varied backgrounds in health sciences, social sciences, administration and other fields. The course progresses from basic economics to very practical applications in the health arena.
- ▶ Aims of the M.Sc. Programme: to strengthen capacity in applying economics principles and analyses to issues in the health sector, health policy and medical interventions; to clarify the nature and implications of health policy options; and to improve the decision making process in the health sector.



Teaching Staff

YANO, Go (Associate Professor)

- ▶ Developing Economies and Transition Economies
- ▶ Development Finance; Creation of Markets; Entrepreneurs

KONO, Hisaki (Associate Professor)

- ▶ Development Economics
- ▶ Poverty Reduction; Microfinance; Education; Market Transaction

MIENO, Fumiharu (Professor, CSEAS)

- ▶ Development Economics
- ▶ Finance and Development; Financial Inclusion and Microfinance

VIXATHEP, Souksavanh (Programme-specific Senior Lecturer)

- ▶ Asian Economies; Development Economics
- ▶ Industrialization; Enterprise Development; Agricultural Development

LIU, Deqiang (Professor)

- ▶ Development Economics; Chinese Economy
- ▶ Industrial Structure; Growth Pattern; Labour Shortage

INOUE, Emiko (Senior Lecturer)

- ▶ Environmental Economics
- ▶ Environmental Innovation; Environmental Management

List of Courses

- ◆ **Basic** --- Field Research in Japan; Qualitative Research Methods; Introduction to Field Research Methods; Introduction to East Asian Economies; Microeconomics; Econometrics; Comparative Industry Policy Studies; Academic Writing & Discussion
- ◆ **Advanced A** --- Econometric Analysis of Asian Economies; Econometric Analysis of Developing Economies; Contemporary Chinese Economy Studies; Development Economics; Study of Emerging Economies; Economic Development in Asia; ASEAN Economy & Sustainable Development
- ◆ **Advanced B** --- Field Research in East Asian Region (China, S.Korea, etc.); International Graduate Student Workshop (Thailand, China, etc.)

Ongoing/Completed PhD and Completed Master's Research Projects

- ✓ Formal Finance and Informal Finance in China's Ethnic Minority Areas
- ✓ Local Financial Development and Performance of SMEs in China
- ✓ Environmental Performance and the Promotion of Local Officials in China
- ✓ Local financial development and performance of Small and Medium Enterprises: Evidences from eastern coastal areas of China
- ✓ The Relationship of Economic Performance, Ownership And Environmental Performance: An Empirical Study on Paper Industry in China
- ✓ Rural Poverty and Ethnicity in a Hui Ethnic Township of Shaanxi Province: An Empirical study in an Oblivious Chinese Region
- ✓ Socio-economic status of rural minority in western Nepal

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International Economics
Macroeconomics



Students participating in the track #4 are expected to acquire skills in applying economic theory and econometric method to various issues in the real world related to international trade and finance. It is our educational goal that our students enhance their understanding of economic activities and policy issues in the international markets through the track's course work.

- Macroeconomics
- Business Cycle; Monetary Policy; Estimation of DSGE Models

- ◆ *Basic* --- Field Research in Japan; Introduction to East Asian Economies; Macroeconomics; Academic Writing & Discussion
- ◆ *Advanced A* --- International Finance Theory; International Trade Theory; Macroeconomic Policy Analysis; Readings on International Economics; Economic Development in Asia; Global Financial Crisis and Asia; ASEAN Economy & Sustainable Development
- ◆ *Advanced B* --- Field Research in East Asian Region (China, S.Korea, etc.); International Graduate Student Workshop (Germany, UK, etc.)

Track #5

Business Management & Accounting Studies

Management
Organisation
Accounting



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Ongoing/Completed Master's Research Projects

- ✓ An Empirical Analysis of RMB Real Effective Exchange Rate's Impact on Chinese Trade Method
- ✓ An Empirical Analysis on the Financial Development in the Process of Yen Internationalization
- ✓ A Financial Projection of the Public Pension in Japan: Under Stochastic Models for Demographic and Economic Variables
- ✓ An Empirical Study on the Monetary Policy of China
- ✓ The Development and Current Status of Outward Direct Investment of China

Teaching Staff

SUGIYAMA, Yasuo (Professor)

- ▮ Management
- ▮ International Management; Technology & Innovation Management

WAKABAYASHI, Naoki (Professor)

- ▮ Sociology of Organization
- ▮ Organization Behaviour; Human Resource Management; Network

HARA, Yoshinori (Professor)

- ▮ Management
- ▮ Innovation Management; Service Innovation; Knowledge Management

WAKABAYASHI, Yasunaga (Professor)

- ▮ Marketing
- ▮ Marketing; Distribution; Commerce

CHOPLAN, Asli M. (Associate Professor)

- ▮ Management
- ▮ Strategic Management; International Business; Corporate Governance

YAMAUCHI, Yutaka (Associate Professor)

- ▮ Management
- ▮ Organization Theory; Service Research Design; Ethnomethodology

INABA, Hisako (Associate Professor)

- ▮ Management
- ▮ Multi-cultural Management; Cultural Anthropology

SAWABE, Norio (Professor)

- ▮ Accounting
- ▮ Management Accounting; Management Control

KUSANO, Masaki (Associate Professor)

- ▮ Accounting
- ▮ Financial Accounting; Fair Value; Performance Reporting

List of Courses

- ◆ *Basic* --- Field Research in Japan; Research Design; Introduction to East Asian Economies; Firms and Industrial Organization in Japan; Comparative Business Ethics; Accounting; Academic Writing & Discussion
- ◆ *Advanced A* --- Contemporary Japanese Industry Studies; International Agribusiness Studies; Social Policy Studies; International Business; Strategic Management; Governance, Risk Management & Compliance; Environmental Management; Readings on Human Resources; Readings on Organizational Behaviour; ASEAN Economy & Sustainable Development; Marketing Management
- ◆ *Advanced B* --- Field Research in East Asian Region (China, S.Korea, etc.); International Graduate Student Workshop (Germany, UK, etc.)

Ongoing/Completed Master's Research Projects

- ✓ A Comparative Analysis on Institutional Conditions for the Development of Biotechnology Industries in Coordinated and Liberal Market Economies-The Case of Germany and the United Kingdom
- ✓ On the Improvement of Ethics in Accounting and External Auditing
- ✓ Elite Female University Students' Perceptions of Gender Inequality in Japanese Companies
- ✓ How Entrepreneur Establishments Are Created in Kyoto
- ✓ Family Control, Cash Flow and Capital Investment : Empirical Evidence from China
- ✓ The Establishment of Web Development Industry Culture
- ✓ Alternative Policy Formation to Overcome the Middle-income Trap of Emerging ASEAN Countries
- ✓ The Career Experiences for Chinese Professional Woman Working in Japan"

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Voice from Student

Ms. Bitu Puspitasari (Indonesia,
2012-2014 Master's / Bank of
Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Indonesia)



Being admitted to the EA Course, I am fascinated by how multidisciplinary approaches are integrated in to the classroom discussions, thanks to the fact that the professors as well as the students are from different academic expertise and background. The programme also provides extensive selection of classes, so I challenge myself to take subjects on various fields like political economy of agriculture, agribusiness, comparative industry policy, etc., most of which are completely new fields for a business major. The academic atmosphere indeed encourages me to learn actively, not only in the classrooms but also through research, self-study, and discussions with friends and supportive supervisors. As a city, Kyoto offers more than just the charm of tradition meeting modernity. This city particularly enchants me for its unique characteristic regarding entrepreneurship and the development of small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), the field of which I am currently pursuing my research in. I have no doubt that all these academic, social, and cultural experiences would benefit me in the future.

