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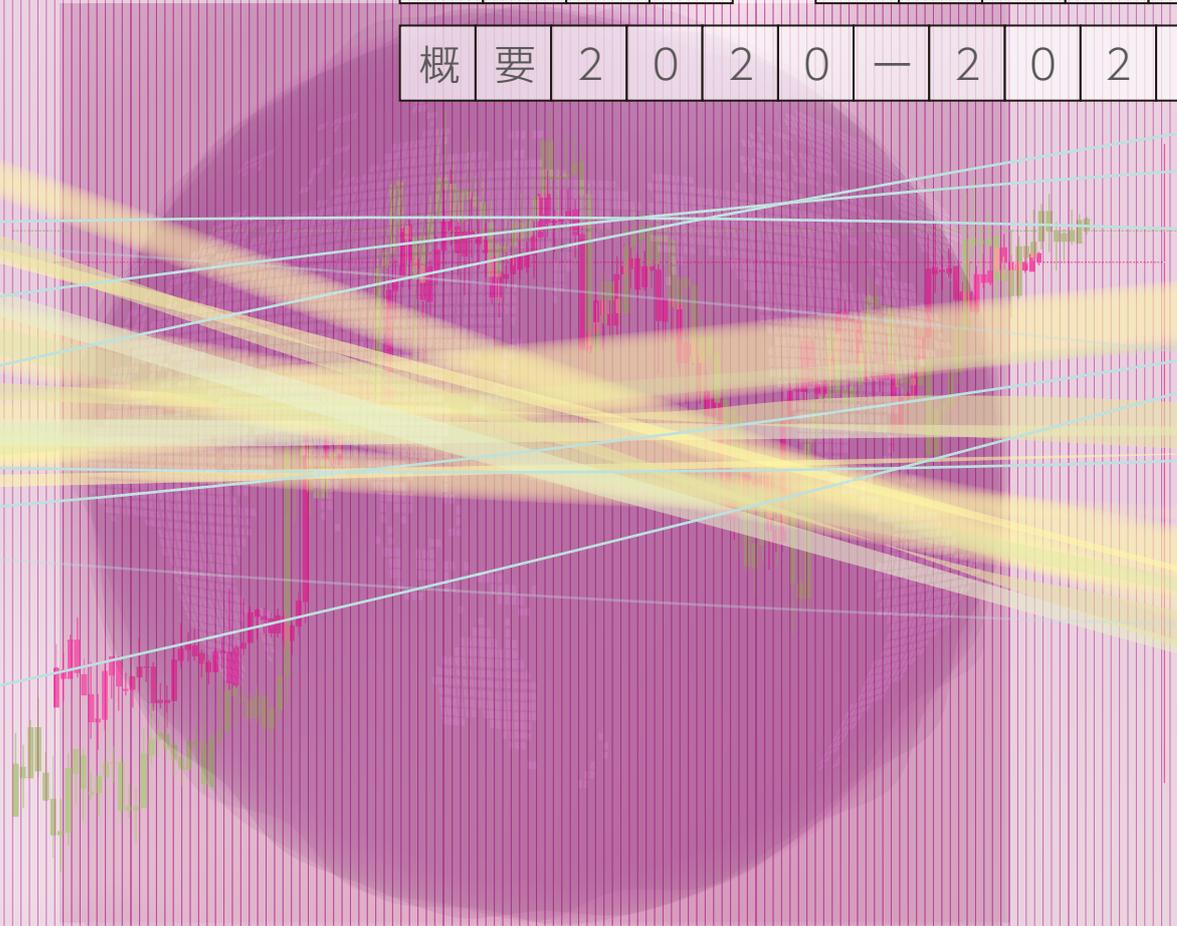
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For close to half a century, the Kyoto Institute of Economic Research (KIER) has been a leader in Japan in the sphere of fundamental scientific economics, with a focus on theoretical economics and econometrics. Moreover, the Institute has recently increased its emphasis on research in the sphere of applied scientific aspects of economics, and has gained a strong reputation for its positive progress in policy assessment and policy recommendations.

KIER conducts prominent research in the field of economics at the international level, and our mission is to contribute to the further development of the field. Each member of the Institute aims to be a pioneer at the front lines of international research, and our research team works with the primary goal of leading the field. For instance, in terms of number of research papers published in international journals per researcher and the frequency of their citations in various scholarly publications, KIER, when ranked together with other economic institutes and the Graduate School of Economics (Faculty of Economics), maintains one of the top positions among domestic academic institutions specializing in economics. The Institute has significantly contributed to the development of economic sciences at the international level.

KIER has managed to keep its position as the most prominent center for economic research in Japan from its establishment until today thanks to its pursuit of the so-called American research institution model and its recognition of the necessity of competition that comes with it. KIER was the first institution in Japan to implement reforms under this model. Based on these, Institute researchers began sending their papers to researchers abroad in the form of technical reports, attempting to have them published in international, peer-reviewed scientific journals. Researchers' academic and research achievements would be evaluated by the number of papers published in specialized, peer-reviewed journals and the quality of those papers. KIER would not issue its own academic journal, in order to stimulate publication in peer-review journals. Institute Researchers would not be discouraged from taking long-term research trips overseas. One secretary would be appointed for every two professors. KIER would also actively invite foreign researchers. The basic criteria for employment and promotion policies would be academic and scientific results; the prestige of applicants' previous educational institutions would not matter. This system—oriented on scientific and academic results—was quite a unique one in Japan's economic sciences community of the late 1960s. As we have created and developed our own research-oriented culture, KIER has become a highly honored Mecca of economic theory and econometrics.

Socioeconomic, research, and educational environments are constantly changing, and our Institute is evolving in three major directions. The first is in its contribution to the development of economic sciences through joint research and joint usage projects. In 2010, KIER was approved by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) as a Joint Usage/Research Center with an emphasis on fundamental research in the sphere of Economics of Complex Systems and Economic Strategy and Organization, under the name "International Joint Research Center of Advanced Economic Theory". The research resources KIER has collected and international research networks it has formed have strengthened its role in the international research community. The second direction is an approach that emphasizes the importance of connecting real economic processes and theoretical research, a stance that has led KIER to contribute to the development of applied scientific studies. The Research Center for Advanced Policy was established in 2005, and is currently in its third term of operation. With the cooperation of the six academic researchers from the central ministries and agencies it has hired for fixed-term appointments, KIER has been raising the level of policy studies and actively proposing policy recommendations. This enhanced interface between theoretical studies and policy implications allows the Institute to contribute to society and to the economy. Particularly, we organized the Database Unit for promoting evidence-based policy. The third direction is in the improvement of KIER's capacity to share information globally. To do so, we actively organize international conferences and contribute towards editing International journals.

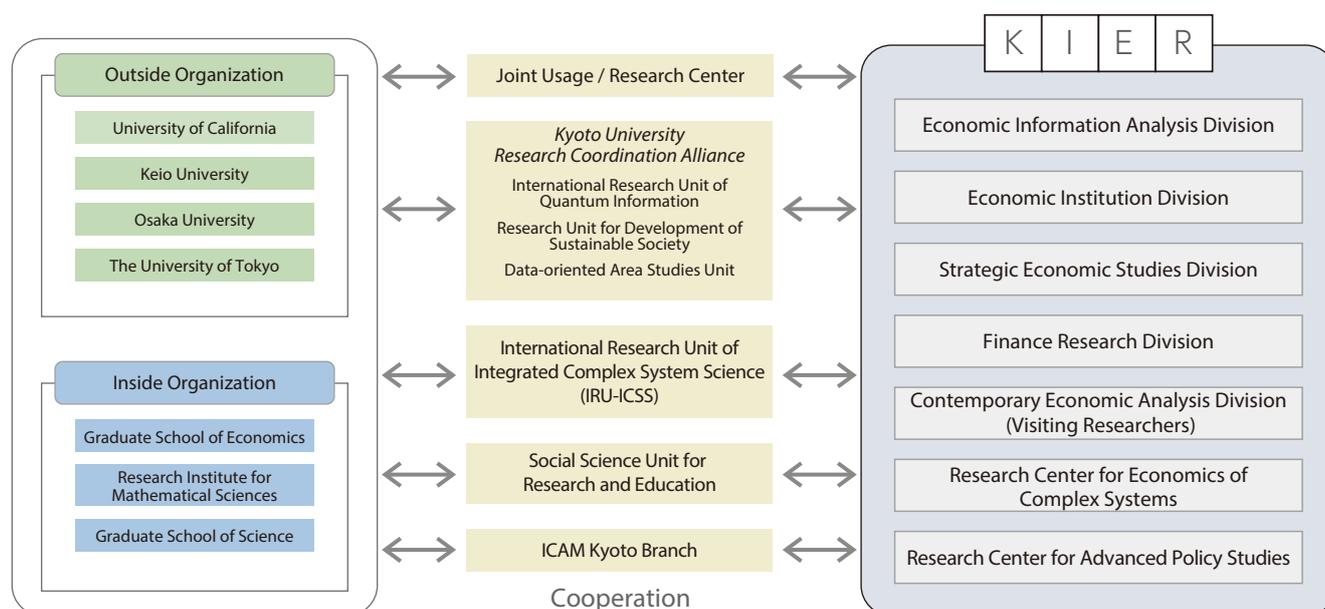
KIER also considers education to be an important part of its mission and actively participates in educating graduate school students and young researchers. Professors from our Institute teach at the Graduate School of Economics, and KIER also accepts special researchers from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, fixed-term researchers, and others. KIER has earned a positive reputation as a training grounds for researchers, as many young scholars have gone on to become professors at renowned universities after completing their education at our Institute. Moreover, KIER was one of the first to introduce the tenure-track system at Kyoto University and in the field of social sciences. Our Institute maintains an open-door policy towards employment and education of young talented researchers.

The world economic crisis and opaque economic conditions in the aftermath of it and the shock to the highly systematic modern economy caused by the spread of Covid-19 infection pose new challenges to the whole field of economics. Nowadays, when both competitiveness and research capability of the Japanese society are being questioned, there raises a necessity of conducting high-quality research conforming to international standards. I am confident that research spirit of our institute, institutionalized research and educational styles, and our new directions will allow KIER to become a good means in tackling the contemporary problems in the field of economics. KIER has significantly contributed to the development of economic sciences in Japan, both by conducting modern research activities in the sphere of economics, and as a center of education and research for joint usage and joint research projects which attracts many researchers from around the world. KIER will continue its unceasing efforts and strive to maintain its position as a center of development and creation in the sphere of economics.



Yoshihiko Nishiyama, Director
Kyoto Institute of Economic Research

Organization and Research Staff



	Research Divisions	Research Areas	Research Staffs	
Director	Economic Information Analysis Division	Macroeconometric Analysis Microeconometric Analysis Experimental Economics	Professor	Hiroshi TERUYAMA
			Professor	Takashi UNAYAMA
	Economic Institution Division	Economic Analysis of Institutions Economic Analysis of Organizations International Trade and Economic Growth	Professor	Satoshi MIZOBATA
			Professor	Chiaki HARA
	Strategic Economic Studies Division	Game Theory	Professor	Tadashi SEKIGUCHI
			Associate Professor	Jonathan NEWTON
			Associate Professor	Chia-hui CHEN
		Assistant Professor	Hitoshi SADAKANE	
		Environment and Public Policy Strategic Market Theory		
	Finance Research Division	Mathematical Finance Risk Management Market Quality Financial Econometric Analysis	Professor	Akihisa SHIBATA
			Professor	Yoshihiko NISHIYAMA
			Associate Professor	Shin KANAYA
		International Financial Economics (Visiting Researchers)	Associate Professor	Makoto WATANABE
	Contemporary Economic Analysis Division (Visiting Researchers)		Professor	Shigeru HIROTA
			Associate Professor	Takuma KOBAYASHI
	Research Center for Economics of Complex Systems	Spatial Economics	Professor	Tomoya MORI
			Assistant Professor	Minoru OSAWA
		Nonlinear Economic Dynamics	Professor	Tadashi SHIGOKA
		Quantitative Macroeconomics	Associate Professor	Shuhei TAKAHASHI

	Research Divisions	Research Areas	Research Staffs	
Director	Research Center for Advanced Policy Studies		Associate Professor	Yoshihiro SEKINE
			Associate Professor	Takashi HATTORI
			Associate Professor	Daisuke NAGAMACHI
			Associate Professor	Norihiro KOMURA
			Associate Professor	Nobuhiko SHIMIZU
	Project Researchers		Project Professor	Masahisa FUJITA
			Project Professor	Kazuo NISHIMURA
			Project Professor	Kazuo MINO
			Project Professor	Makoto YANO
	Administration Office	General Affairs Section	Section Head	Shinji MATSUYAMA
	Head Tsutomu BABA	Library Section	Section Head	Yoko YOSHIOKA

(as of September 2020)

Actual Staff

Classification	Professor	Associate Professor	Lecturer	Assistant Professor	Sub-total	Administrative Staff	Total
Research Divisions	9	9	—	2	20	6	26
Visiting researchers	1	1	—	—	2	—	2
Foreign visiting researchers	—	1	—	—	1	—	1
Other Grant-in-Aid, etc.	4	—	—	—	4	—	4
Total	14	11	—	2	27	6	33

(as of September 2020)

List of Directors

Directors	Term
Seijiro KISHIMOTO	1962. 4. 1 ~ 1966. 3. 31
Hideo AOYAMA	1966. 4. 1 ~ 1971. 11. 30
Masao BABA	1971. 12. 1 ~ 1974. 3. 31
Chikashi MORIGUCHI	1974. 4. 1 ~ 1974. 7. 15
Hisao ONOE	1974. 7. 16 ~ 1978. 7. 15
Kenzo YUKIZAWA	1978. 7. 16 ~ 1980. 2. 8
Yoshikazu MIYAZAKI	1980. 2. 8 ~ 1980. 3. 31
Yoshikazu MIYAZAKI	1980. 4. 1 ~ 1983. 4. 1
Hisao ONOE	1983. 4. 2 ~ 1986. 3. 31
Masao BABA	1986. 4. 1 ~ 1986. 10. 27
Kazuo KOIKE	1986. 10. 27 ~ 1986. 12. 31
Kazuo KOIKE	1987. 1. 1 ~ 1988. 3. 31
Syosichi SUGIMOTO	1988. 4. 1 ~ 1990. 3. 31
Takamitsu SAWA	1990. 4. 1 ~ 1994. 3. 31
Takao FUKUCHI	1994. 4. 1 ~ 1995. 3. 31
Takamitsu SAWA	1995. 4. 1 ~ 1999. 3. 31
Masahisa FUJITA	1999. 4. 1 ~ 2001. 3. 31
Takamitsu SAWA	2001. 4. 1 ~ 2006. 3. 31
Kazuo NISHIMURA	2006. 4. 1 ~ 2010. 3. 31
Makoto YANO	2010. 4. 1 ~ 2012. 3. 31
Satoshi MIZOBATA	2012. 4. 1 ~ 2016. 3. 31
Akira OKADA,	2016. 4. 1 ~ 2016. 12. 31
Satoshi MIZOBATA	2017. 1. 1 ~ 2020. 3. 31
Yoshihiko NISHIYAMA	2020. 4. 1 ~

List of Professors Emeriti

Professor Emeriti	Date of the title conferred
Seijiro KISHIMOTO	1966. 4. 2
Hideo AOYAMA	1973. 4. 2
Hisao ONOE	1986. 4. 1
Yoshikazu MIYAZAKI	1990. 1. 23
Fumiko SEO	1993. 4. 1
Syosichi SUGIMOTO	1996. 4. 1
Chikashi MORIGUCHI	1997. 3. 4
Takao FUKUCHI	1997. 3. 4
Masahiko AOKI	2001. 3. 6
Takamitsu SAWA	2006. 4. 1
Kazuyoshi UEHARA	2007. 4. 1
Akio SAKAI	2007. 4. 1
Masahisa FUJITA	2007. 4. 1
Tsuneo TSUKATANI	2008. 4. 1
Kazuo NISHIMURA	2010. 4. 1
Ryuhei WAKASUGI	2012. 4. 1
Haruo IMAI	2015. 4. 1
Kazuo MINO	2015. 4. 1
Kenn ARIGA	2016. 4. 1
Makoto YANO	2018. 4. 1
Atsushi KAJII	2020. 2. 18
Hiroshi OSANO	2020. 4. 1

Research Divisions and Centers

Economic Information Analysis Division

This division, comprehensively viewing the theory and application of econometric analysis and experimental economics as economic information analysis, aims to contribute to the development of the research field. The division comprises three research sections: “macroeconomic research”, “microeconomic research”, and “experimental economics research”. The objectives of the division are described below.

The field of empirical economic research that, by using quantitative data to identify and statistically analyze economic activity, tries to elucidate behavioral principles of economic agents and economic laws of motion has been exhibiting new developments in recent years. Since developments in computer technology have enabled the efficient statistical calculations of large amounts of data, the field of microeconometrics, which analyzes microeconomic data related to households and firms based on the behavioral principles of economic agents, is also developing. For this reason, in the field of econometrics, remarkable progress is being observed in the development of analysis methods for panel data, which comprises time-series and cross-sectional information, and qualitative data that cannot be expressed in quantitative form. Further, efforts at creating panel data by means of questionnaire surveys, etc., will grow even more important in the future. The objective of “microeconomic research section” is to contribute to the development of microeconometrics by fusing econometric theory with the applied microeconomic areas such as the labor economics, consumer behavior, corporate finance, and industrial organization.

At the same time, the analysis of macroeconomic data using time-series analysis techniques and computer-based numerical simulation techniques forms the core of the empirical analysis used in modern macroeconomics. The objective of “macroeconomic research section” is, in order to realize the further development of these cutting-edge fields of macroeconometrics, to promote the coordination of econometric theory centering on time-series analysis techniques, economic model analysis techniques based on numerical calculation (computational economics), and the theoretical and empirical analysis in macroeconomics.

There have also, in recent years, been remarkable advances in the experimental methods used in economics. The objective of “experimental economics research section” is to develop the analysis of economic phenomena using economic experiments, statistical techniques for analyzing the experimental results, and behavioral economics.

Economic Institution Division

In this division, we study the emergence and evolution of social and economic organizations, institutions, and conventions. We are particularly interested in social and economic institutions, corporate organizations, and social decision-making processes. We pursue our research agenda under the following two headings.

Under the “economic analysis of institutions” heading, we compare economic institutions based on the empirical and theoretical analysis of the market system and various other institutions. We also attempt to assess the emergence and evolution of such systems by incorporating techniques and insights developed in sociology.

Under the “economic analysis of organizations” heading, we study the inner structure of organizations and the relationships between them. We apply game theory to deal not only with corporate organizations but also with legislative bodies and other types of organizations. We empirically assess our findings and compare them with results in law, management, biology, and other related fields.



Strategic Economic Studies Division

This division bases its studies on the economic agents' strategic behavior, which plays an important role in advanced economic theory, and aims to promote and disseminate state-of-the-art theoretical research and its applications to various contexts. Established in 2009, this division also inherits the research program of the former Public Policy Division and undertakes research which connects the results of theoretical analysis to policy planning. In order to conduct strategic analysis of the economy from perspectives of theory, application, and policy implications, this division currently covers the area of "game theory", which comprehensively studies the individual and group-level decision-making under settings with dynamics, imperfect information, and so on.

The area "game theory" further develops the game-theoretical methodology that is at the core of the strategic analysis of the economy, by incorporating cutting-edge issues which involves dynamics, imperfect information, and incomplete information. The subject of research includes theory of cooperation under long-run relationships with general information structure, analysis of individual and collective decision-making that highlights the role of learning and evolution, the problems of signaling and screening under dynamic environments, and study of strategic information transmission under various communication procedures. The area also covers applications of those results to the behaviors of firms and organizations.

Finance Research Division

Investors and business people are required to discern the uncertainty existing within companies and the market and accurately pursue profitability within them with regard to the increasingly chaotic current economy. Although it is critical to understand future uncertainties and to identify and measure the various risks and to decisively optimize risk management, it is Financial Engineering and Finance that provide the foundation regarding them. With this in mind, it is evident that Financial Engineering and Finance are fields of great importance. The Kyoto Institute of Economic Research established the Research Center for Financial Engineering in 2000 and it has played a role as an international hub in the field for 10 years. In order to expand the functions of the center as a base for Financial Engineering and finance research and education which were established through 10 years of its activity, the center was reorganized to become "Finance Research Division" in April 2010.

The Finance Research Division aims to examine, in the light of the global financial crisis and the coronavirus recession, the optimal risk management in markets and the roles of infrastructure, institutions, convention and ethics to improve the market quality as well as behavioral finance theory in order to contend with a wider range of problems at higher levels than ever before. In addition, it seeks to analyze the factors involved in the economic crises as well as the measures needed to prevent their re-occurrence. Moreover, placing importance on risk management in organizations, the Division has established the following areas as its research fields: "Risk Management", "Market Quality", "Mathematical Finance", "Financial Econometrics Analysis" and "International Financial Economics". The Division will continue to study measures to revitalize the economy and measures to deal with risks facing the Japanese economy in the future, while cooperating closely with other Divisions at the Kyoto Institute of Economic Research.



Research Divisions and Centers

Research Center for Economics of Complex Systems

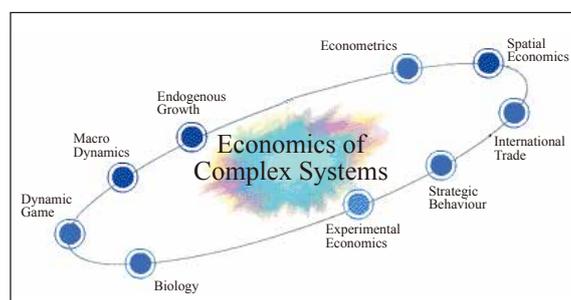
The application of the science of complex systems to economics advanced greatly in the 1990s. Within this discipline, our institute has achieved great success in the fields of nonlinear economic dynamics and spatial economics. Between 1997 and 2003, we received Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research in relation to the formation of a center for the economics of complex systems. During this period, through interdisciplinary and international conferences as well as international joint researches, our institute played the role of an international center of this field. The purpose of the establishment of this center is to ensure a permanent research base for the economics of complex systems.

The Research Center for Economics of Complex Systems started by focusing on two research areas, “spatial economics” and “economic dynamics”, and included later “quantitative macroeconomics” as its new research area to reflect the recent development of economics. The objective of the “economics of complex systems” is to elucidate, in a unified way, strategic interdependent relationships, spatiotemporal pattern formations, and macroeconomic fluctuation phenomena.

“Spatial economics” develops theories and conduct empirical analyses on the mechanism of economic agglomerations such as industrial clustering, city formation and transport network formation, whose spatial patterns often provide typical examples of self-organizations leading to the emergence of orders.

“Nonlinear economic dynamics” treats as research objects a large class of dynamic general equilibrium models such as multisector growth models by appealing to the bifurcation theory of dynamical systems and the theory of stochastic processes, and analyzes the conditions under which phenomena such as nonlinear oscillations of equilibrium, indeterminacy of equilibrium, and sunspot equilibrium arise from these models.

“Quantitative macroeconomics” studies economic growth, business cycle fluctuations, fiscal and monetary policy, and related issues by using dynamic general equilibrium models parameterized based on micro-level and macro-level data.



Research Center for Advanced Policy Studies

The Research Center for Advanced Policy Studies (abbreviated to CAPS) is an organization whose purpose is to carry out analytical research to propose concrete images of policies and to disseminate the results to society, utilizing the abundant research resources of Kyoto University and collaborating with policy-related institutions based on leading theory and empirical analysis of economics.

CAPS, established in July 2005 as part of KIER, has been working on evidence-based policy research by making full use of the knowledge and research network of advanced theories and empirical research of KIER. This center has become an interactive educational institution where faculty members themselves study and engage in policy research, for their Ph.D. degree, while at the same time educating in undergraduate and graduate schools. From 2017, the center organized steering committee by cooperating with Kyoto University as a whole.

After the 1st and 2nd period, each of six years, CAPS is currently in the fourth year activity of the 3rd period (FY2017-2022). This center CAPS comprises of five professors with fixed term appointment, hereinafter referred to as non-tenured professors, and two tenured professors (the center director and vice-director; KIER position held concurrently) responsible for the operation of the center. Non-tenured professors are dispatched from government departments (Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Ministry of the Environment and Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology).

By investigating the efficacy of the techniques and theory pertaining to advanced economic analysis, which is KIER's main research area, and quickly and precisely linking the results of advanced economic research to policy analysis, the center reflects the fruits of its research in actual economic policies. Its objective is to promote interaction that overcomes the barriers between governmental, private and academic institutions, as well as between government departments, to realize a reciprocal flow of human resources between the policy-related institutions and the academic world, and to foster both theoretical and empirical policy research.

These studies play a pioneering the basis of policy-making based on statistical evidences, and their results have been reported not only in numerous books and papers, but also at academic conferences. They have been disseminated to the world and highly evaluated. Some of the faculty members, who produced outstanding research results, have been awarded doctoral degrees. They move back to government offices and have been working in the field of policy practice. This indicates the uniqueness of the research activity of this center. Can be said to be a thing. In addition, the center faculty members provides lectures to the graduate school students who are interested in policy at Kyoto University, about policy implementation and practice based on their own experiences at government offices.

In its third period (2017-2022), CAPS has actively promoted evidence-based policy making project “Interdisciplinary Research of Human and Social Sciences for Establishing Evidence-based Society and Education of Highly Advanced Researchers: From Needs to Seeds” and has collaborated with Center for Genomic Medicine, Kyoto University Graduate School of Medicine, for establishing the comprehensive human sciences panel data.

Contemporary Economic Analysis Division (Visiting Research Division)

This division was established to accept outstanding researchers from outside the university as visiting professors, and thereby attain powerful support for research. Its studies center on the theoretical and empirical research of the current problems of the Japanese economy. The topics of these studies change every year.

Joint Usage / Research Center “International Joint Research Center of Advanced Economic Theory”

KIER has worked extensively to further joint research with researchers both in and outside Japan, as an international hub for researching advanced economic theory. In view of its activity in this area, KIER received MEXT approval in FY2010 as the Joint Usage / Research Center under the name International Joint Research Center of advanced economic theory, based on the medium-term objective of furthering research in two fields of advanced economic theory: economics of complex systems and economic strategy and organization. In FY2016, KIER was again accredited as the Joint Usage/Research Center by MEXT.

The center uses the abundant human resources and facilities at KIER and the international research networks that have been cultivated to date as research resources to further international joint research into advanced economic theory, and is working to train researchers involved in economic theory research internationally. The center is managed by the Joint Research / Usage Center’ s Advisory Committee, comprising ten members-five members from within KIER and five extramural members representing the researcher community.

Open project research is positioned at the heart of the center’ s operations. This work uses KIER’ s research resources regarding themes identified as important in economics, organizing research groups represented by researchers outside KIER to publicly solicit and implement intensive joint research over the course one year. Many unique research results can be expected to arise through the implementation of these projects.

In consideration of the scope of the specialist research, investigation of these open projects is implemented by the Research Project Selection Committee comprising five members from within KIER and five external members, and the Advisory Committee decides whether to take up the project based on the results of this investigation. For FY2020, the following 16 projects general research projects included-were adapted, taking “economic analysis of international relations” as the core them of the research project (i.e., the main research them).

Titles of the FY 2020 Project Research Themes

Main Research themes	Researcher Names and Affiliations
Uncertainty and the International Economy	Keita KAMEI : Department of Economics, Seinan Gakuin University
General Research Themes	Researcher Names and Affiliations
A Unifying Approach to Various Decision Problems: Preference for Flexibility, Indecisiveness, and Ambiguity	Nobuo KOIDA : Faculty of Policy Studies, Iwate Prefectural University
Theoretical and Quantitative Analysis of Dynamic Macroeconomics	Ryoji OHDOI : School of Engineering, Tokyo Institute of Technology
Theoretical and Empirical Study on Financial Systemic Risk under Model Uncertainty	Toshiki HONDA : Graduate School of Business Administration, Hitotsubashi University
Information, Organization, and International Politics	Saori CHIBA : Faculty of Economics, Kyoto Sangyo University
Frontiers of Macroeconomics	Takayuki TSURUGA : Institute of Social and Economic Research, Osaka University
A Study on FDI and Transaction Costs: Focusing on the Role of Lingua Franca	Masahiro TOKUNAGA : Faculty of Business and Commerce, Kansai University
Comparison Study on Corporate Management Systems Between China and Eastern Europe	Xinxin MA : Faculty of Social Science, University of Toyama
International comparison on Gender problems within a firm in Transition Economies	Mihoko SATOGAMI : Faculty of Business Administration, Soka University
Micro-data analysis on productivity improvement effect of SMEs by policy support	Yoshinori KAWASAKI : The Institute of Statistical Mathematics
A theoretical study on the formation trade-based economic regions and the emergence of regularities in the city population and industrial structure in a many-industry-many-region economy	Yuki TAKAYAMA : Faculty of Geosciences and civil Engineering, Institute of Science and Engineering, Kanazawa University
On the Public-Private Mix and Distributive Impacts of Social Expenditures in OECD countries	Hideki KONISHI : School of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University
Culture, tastes, and market integration: Causal effects of taste similarity on the degree of market integration	Jens WRONA : Mercator School of Management, University of Duisburg-Essen
Developing Specification Tests Using Minimax Approach	Masamune IWASAWA : Department of Economics, Otaru University of Commerce
Integrated analyses of human socio-economic behavior using biomedical and social science data	Shigeru HIROTA : Faculty of Economics, Kyoto Sangyo University
Research on Effects of Sustainable fiscal and tax system on Japanese Economy with Microdata and Dynamic General Equilibrium Models	Real ARAI : Department of Economics, Aichi University

Further, the Center is internationally minded in its sharing of information on advanced economic theory, actively hosting international conferences and symposiums on advanced economic theory research in concert with the project research. The Center’ s activities and information sharing is supported by the the Joint Usage / Research Center’ s Support Office.

Kyoto University Research Coordination Alliance

Kyoto University Research Coordination Alliance is mainly composed of Institutes and Centers of Kyoto University. It strengthens the coordination through publication of information including study results, joint operation and procurement of large-scale equipment, appropriate and unified management of internal sources and their focused distribution to common issues. It also deals with the reinforcement and globalization of the research power of the University, including the graduate schools and faculties, by supporting the efforts for creation of new areas through fusion of different areas of study.

Research Units for Exploring Future Horizons represent one of important activities of the Research Coordination Alliance, and function to try bottom-up creation of new academic areas based on varied academic areas of Institutes and Centers. Four research units are established. KIER participate in the following three units.

International Research Unit of Quantum Information (IRU-QI)

The International Research Unit of Quantum Information was established on April 1, 2020 in collaboration of 10 Kyoto University research organizations and is operated by the Yukawa Institute for Theoretical Physics (YITP).

Its vision is to connect various researchers in Kyoto University related to quantum information. IRU-QI leverages its international research networks with many global guest faculties to promote its research. The Unit Leader is Prof. Sinya Aoki, the director of Yukawa Institute for Theoretical Physics.

Research Unit for Development of Sustainable Society

The Research Unit for Development of Sustainable Society was established in April 2020 as a successor to the Research Unit for Development of Global Sustainability that completed its research activity in March 2020.

The Unit is conducting interdisciplinary research and elucidating policy recommendations for the implementation of a sustainable society. In particular, the Unit aims to devise strategies for the development of a sustainable society and its energy-recycling system along with the provision of basic life infrastructure, as well as the design of resilient systems capable of ensuring human security and survivability. The Unit leader is Professor Konishi Satoshi from the Institute of Advanced Energy, Kyoto University. KIER is participating in this Research Unit to support economic and policy research studies.

Data-oriented Area Studies Unit

The Data-oriented Area Studies Unit was established to develop comprehensive area studies research based on data science that aims to renovate the understanding of contemporary social problems. The Unit aims to achieve this goal by integrating area studies that apply versatile scientific methodologies and conduct comprehensive research of different regions utilizing existing information science on the effectiveness of these methodologies based on recent developments in data science. Varying scientific approaches of the above-mentioned disciplines are utilized to conduct this research.

The Unit is elaborating research outcomes of the former Unit of Academic Knowledge Integration Studies which had been promoting the sharing and integration of area informatics via digitalization of knowledge in order to further research policy effectiveness, risk evaluation and simulation studies for the development of political, economic and social systems in Japan, Asia and the Pacific Region. Researchers from natural, human and social sciences actively participate in joint research projects and scientific discussions in the Unit.

The Unit leader is Professor Mieno Fumiharu from the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University.

International Research Unit of Integrated Complex System Science (IRU-ICSS)

Kyoto University is proud of its abundant human resources as well as outstanding research results in the wide-ranging research fields from micro elements to macro human social economic phenomena. In order to draw out human resources that can develop further research and solve the increasingly complex and diverse problems of the future, the "International Research Unit of Integrated Complex System Science" ("The Unit"), which unifies across divisions by planning international alliances based on the common research theme of "complex systems", was established on 1 April 2010, and its offices are located in the Kyoto Institute of Economic Research (KIER).

Social Science Unit for Research and Education

For the development of social science in Japan, it is indispensable to secure a position where not only theoretical research but also the level of empirical research attracts worldwide attention. In order for this purpose, it is essential to develop human resources who can conduct both theory and evidence-based research.

This project intends to help promote an evidence-based society in collaboration with medical schools and other natural science departments as well as humanities and social science graduate schools and research institutions in our university. It aims to establish new humanities and social sciences based on quantitative data, cultivate talents in most advanced areas of study, and create evidence-based interdisciplinary human sciences that elucidate human nature and society.

Placing the policy studies by the Research Center for Advanced Policy Studies (CAPS) instructors at its core, we collaborate with departments that comprise the unit and with data-building hubs on and off campus in creating panel data and big data that capture personal traits and social structures in fields ranging from social science to life science. Specifically, the unit has collaborated with Center for Genomic Medicine, Kyoto University Graduate School of Medicine, for establishing the comprehensive human sciences panel data. Utilizing the data, our project pursues research on determinants of social phenomena, human activities, and health from innovative perspectives not found in existing research.

In academic year 2020, we will recruit graduate students who are interested in evidence-based human science from the departments that comprise the unit. These students will deepen understanding of evidence-based human science and become ambassadors of evidence-based human science in their respective research fields. They will also engage in research and education with CAPS instructors as student partners, e.g. as research and teaching assistants. Professor Yoshihiko Nishiyama (KIER) served as the head of the unit.

ICAM Kyoto Branch

ICAM is a research center for complex systems founded in July 2002 by Professor David Pines of the Santa Fe Institute as part of the University of California. In July 2005, together with Division of Physics I of the Graduate School of Science, KIER established a Kyoto branch of ICAM, and started to participate in its activities. Project Professor Kazuo Nishimura of KIER serves as representatives of the ICAM Kyoto Branch.



Social Contribution

Symposiums and Seminars

Lectures and symposiums for adults and students are held periodically, and themes centering on the introduction of economic frontiers and explanations of economic problems that are of great social concern are raised. The economic research symposiums that are hosted every year have recently raised such themes as the "Information Society and Economics", "Management of the Creation of Evolving Values", and "Simplified Advanced Policy Analysis".

Further, economic education activities are also pursued via the economic teaching symposium "Specially-Founded Academy for Referencing Advanced Finance and Economics"; and invitations to junior high and high school students to attend public lectures as the audience.

Number of Previous Workshops and Symposiums

Fiscal Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total Number	16(9)	15(8)	19(9)	19(7)	14(4)

Note: Figures in parentheses show the number of international symposiums within the total number.

Number of Previous Workshops

FY	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Microeconomics and Game Theory Workshop	37	39	40	37	30
Econometrics Workshop	11	12	9	5	4
KIER Workshop	3	5	4	—	—
Contract Theory Workshop	1	3	1	1	1
Urban Economics Workshop	11	7	9	8	10
CAPS Workshop	13	12	5	8	10
Macroeconomics and Economic Systems Workshop	19	30	26	10	29
Joint Usage / Research Center Workshop	10	3	8	5	4
Specially Promoted Research Workshop	17	—	—	—	—
Others	5	10	3	1	7
Total Number	127	121	105	75	95

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Main Symposiums Hosted or Jointly Hosted by KIER (5 April 2012 to 20 March 2020)

Date	Title	Guest Speakers	Venue
2012/4/5	Workshop on Microeconomics/ Game Theory	Julio Davila (CORE-Uclouvain, Belgium, Paris School of Economics, France)	Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto University
2012/5/11	Workshop on Macroeconomics and Economic Systems	Enrico D'Ambrogio (The European Parliament)	Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto University
2012 7/31~8/1	GCOE Program Seminar "Trade and Development"	Kensuke Teshima (Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), Mexico)	Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto University
2012/8/23	KIER Workshop	Johannes Horner (Yale University, USA)	Research Building #2, Kyoto University
2012/10/4	Market Quality Workshop	Kenji Sato (Kyoto Univ.) Yuka Ohno (Hokkaido Univ.) Avinash Dixit (Princeton University, USA)	Research Building #2, Kyoto University
2012/10/19	Symposium on Santa Fe Institute in Kyoto "Invitation to Integrated Complex System Science"	Jerry Sabloff (Santa Fe Institute, USA) Fumio Oka (Kyoto University) Hiroshi Watanabe (Kyoto University) Tetsuo Kobayashi (Kyoto University) Atsushi Yamauchi (Kyoto University) Terufumi Ohno (Kyoto University) Kazuo Mino (Kyoto University)	Science Seminar House, Kyoto University
2012/11/2	In Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Kyoto University Institute of Economic Research (KIER) Conference on Market Quality	"Youngsub Chun (Seoul National University, Korea) Tadashi Komatsubara (Kyoto University) Tadashi Sekiguchi (Kyoto University) Satoshi Mizobata (Kyoto University) Andrei Yakovlev (National Research University, Russia) Byung-YeonKim (Seoul National University, Korea)	The Westin Miyako Kyoto
2012 11/15~16	Kyoto Conference on EMPLOYMENT ADJUSTMENT IN RESPONSE TO SHOCKS: MICRO-LEVEL EVIDENCE & MACRO-ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS	Richard Upward (the University of Nottingham, UK) Ryo Kambayashi (Hitotsubashi University) Daniela Nordmeier (Nuremberg & Friedrich-Alexander-University, Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany) Tor Eriksson (Aarhus University, Denmark) Leopoldo Mondauto (Italia Lavoro, Italy) Héloïse Petit (CEE and University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, France) Richard Fabling (Motu Economic & Public Policy Research, New Zealand) Jim Spletzer (U.S. Census Bureau, USA) Robert Petrunia (Lakehead University, Canada)	Kyoto University Clock Tower Centennale Hall
2012 12/12~13	Yokohama Conference on Empirical Issues of International Trade and Firms	Lee Branstetter (Carnegie Mellon University / Former Senior Economist of International Trade and Investment, USA) Lu Yi (National University of Singapore, Singapore) Miaojie Yu (Peking University, China) Heiwai Tang (Tufts University, USA) Eiichi Tomiura (Yokohama National University) Tzu-Han Yang (National Taipei University, Taiwan) Andrew Bernard (Dartmouth College, USA) Loretta Fung (National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan) Shuichiro Nishioka (West Virginia University, USA) Hong Ma (Tsinghua University, China) Kozo Kiyota (Yokohama National University) Deng-Shing Huang (Academia Sinica, Taiwan)	The Conference Center, Pacifico Yokohama

Date	Title	Guest Speakers	Venue
2013 1/26~27	International Conference “System Transformation and Labour Motivation Problems”	Irina Olympieva (Center for Independent Social Research, Russia) Geoffrey Wood (The University of Warwick, UK) Takumi Horibayashi (Kanazawa University) Igor Gurkov (National Research University - Higher School of Economics, Russia) Vasily Anikin (National Research University - Higher School of Economics, Russia) Sadayoshi Ohtsu (Kobe University) Hiroaki Hayashi (University of Shimane) Katsumi Fujiwara (Osaka University) Yanxia Tang (Aichi University) Yutaka Konoshi (Gifu University) Satoshi Mizobata (Kyoto University) Fumitaka Iwanami (Komazawa University)	Shiran Kaikan Annex, Kyoto University (26th) Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto University (27th)
2013/2/9	International Workshop on The Economic and Mathematical Analysis of Security Markets	Robert Anderson (University of California, Berkeley, USA) Katsumasa Nishide (Yokohama National University) Rose-Anne Dana (Université Paris-Dauphine, France) Shuji Funahashi (Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd. / Tokyo Metropolitan University) Takashi Kato (Osaka University) Masaaki Fukasawa (Osaka University) Norio Takeoka (Yokohama National University)	Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto University
2013 3/14~17	10th Biennial Pacific Rim Conference, Western Economic Association International	Robert F. Engle (New York University, USA) Atsushi Seike (Keio University) George G. Kaufman (Loyola University Chicago, USA) Takatoshi Ito (The University of Tokyo)	Keio University
2013 4/8~9	International Conference on Market Quality, Trade and Dynamics	Ronald Jones (University of Rochester, USA) Naoyuki Yoshino (Keio University) Nicholas Yannelis (University of Iowa and University of Manchester, UK) Takashi Kamihigashi (Kobe University) Andy Neumeyer (Universidad Torcuato di Tella, Argentine) Yuichi Furukawa (Chukyo University) Krishnendu Dastidar (Jawaharlal Nehru University, India) Hitoshi Matsushima (The University of Tokyo) Takakazu Honryo (University of Mannheim, Germany) Peter Rosendorff (New York University, USA) Mukul Majumdar (Cornell University, USA)	The Westin Miyako Kyoto
2013/4/28	Science Education in Kyoto -The Global Partnership on Science Education Through Engagement in Kyoto-	Yoshiharu Hoshino (Teikyo University) Yasuo Sando (Nippon Steel & Sumikin Research Institute Corporation) Hiroshi Asada (Kyoto Municipal Katsuragawa Elementary School) Yuji Takahata (Nerima Municipal Kaishin The First Junior High School) Isao Iizawa (Kyoto Municipal Horikawa Senior High School) Toshiharu Tsushima (Fukushima Prefectural Adachi High School) Osamu Marukawa (Kyoto Prefectural Board of Education) Hidefumi Tooyama (Kyoto Prefectural Board of Education) Kazuo Nishimura (Kyoto University)	Panasonic Auditorium, Yukawa Memorial Hall, Kyoto University
2013 11/8~9	International Conference on Market Quality and Economic Institutions	Makoto Yano (Kyoto University) Takashi Komatsubara (Kyoto University) Shin Sakaue (Sophia University) Hidetaka Kawano (Aomori Public University) Jinwoo Kim (Seoul National University, Korea) Jun Tomitaka (Aomori Public University) Krishnendu Dastidar (Jawaharlal Nehru University, India)	WA-RASSE (8th) Aomori Public University (9th)
2013/11/9	Joint-Usage, Joint-Research Program Workshop on Social Infrastructure Design in Post-Earthquake	Takayuki Oishi (Aomori Public University) Shino Takayama (The University of Queensland, Australia) Andy McLennan (The University of Queensland, Australia) Youngsub Chun (Seoul National University, Korea) Yoshinori Kon (Aomori Public University)	Aomori Public University

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Date	Title	Guest Speakers	Venue
2013/12/3	Institutions, Markets, and Market Quality -IEFS Japan Annual Meeting 2013-	Makoto Yano (Kyoto University) Shuheï Takahashi (Kyoto University) Taiji Furusawa (Hitotsubashi University) Takashi Kamihigashi (Kobe University) Kenji Fujiwara (Kwansei Gakuin University) Hu Yunfang (Tohoku University) Krishnendu Dastidar (Jawaharlal Nehru University, India) Toshihiro Matsumura (The University of Tokyo)	Rokkodai Main Building, Kobe University
2013 12/14~15	International Conference “International Comparison on Variety of Capitalism and Work Motivation”	Hironori Tohyama (Shizuoka University) Hitomi Matsubara (Osaka City University) Mihoko Satogami (Kyoto University) Satoshi Mizobata (Kyoto University) Ryoji Ihara (Gifu University) Shoji Hashiguchi (Ritsumeikan University) Katsumi Fujiwara (Osaka University) Hiroaki Hayashi (University of Shimane) Simon Clarke (University of Warwick, UK) Geoffrey Wood (University of Warwick, UK) Pavol Babos (Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovakia) Ngoc Anh Nguyen (National Economic University, Vietnam) Richard Deeg (Temple University, USA)	Kyoto University Clock Tower Centenniale Holl
2014/2/18	SSK International Workshop in Kyoto	Kyungchul Song (University of British Columbia, Canada) Ryo Okui (Kyoto University) Naoya Sueishi (Kyoto University) Sokbae Lee (Seoul National University, Korea) Se-il Mun (Kyoto University)	The Westin Miyako Kyoto
2014/2/27	AEI-Five Joint Workshop on Economic Issues in the Asian Century	Keun Lee (Seoul National University, Korea) Yoshihiko Nishiyama (Kyoto University) Jianguo Xu (Peking University, China) Jae-Young Kim (Seoul National University, Korea) Pei-Ju Liao (Academia Sinica, Taiwan) Tianyang Xi (Peking University, China) Xiaobo Zhang (Peking University, China) Eric Fesselmeyer (National University of Singapore, Singapore) Kamhon Kan (Academia Sinica, Taiwan)	The Westin Miyako Kyoto
2014/2/28	Workshop on Growth and Economic Policies	Kazuo Mino (Kyoto University) Been-Lon Chen (Academia Sinica, Taiwan) Jui-Jen Chang (Academia Sinica, Taiwan) Miaojie Yu (Peking University, China) Oyvind Thomassen (Seoul National University, Korea) Min Wang (Peking University, China) Tadashi Sekiguchi (Kyoto University) Zhu Shenghao (National University of Singapore, Singapore) Youngsub Chun (Seoul National University, Korea)	The Westin Miyako Kyoto
2014 3/5~6	International Seminar “Variety of Capitalism in Transition Countries and Work Motivation”	Kazuho Yokogawa (Kanagawa University) Makoto Kumazawa (Konan University) Jan Hagamejer (Warsaw University, Poland) Joanna Tyrowicz (Warsaw University, Poland) John Round (National Research University-Higher School of Economics, Russia)	Shiran Kaikan Annex, Kyoto University

Date	Title	Guest Speakers	Venue
2014 3/28~29	International Conference on Portfolio Selection and Asset Pricing	Giorgia Callegaro (University of Padova, Italy) Darrell Duffie (Stanford University, USA) Masahiko Egami (Kyoto University) Toshiki Honda (Hitotsubashi University) Yuri Kabanov (University of Franche-Comte, France) Shigeo Kusuoka (The University of Tokyo) Hiroschi Morita (Yokohama National University) Rohit Rahi (London School of Economics, UK) Jun Sekine (Osaka University) Jaeyoung Sung (Ajou University, Korea) Xun Yu Zhou (University of Oxford, UK)	Kyoto University Clock Tower Centennale Hall
2014/7/19	International Conference on "Comparative Analysis of Business and Management"	Yoji Koyama (Niigata University) Norio Horie (University of Toyama) David Stark (Columbia University, USA) Takabumi Hayashi (Kokushikan University) Naoki Wakabayashi (Kyoto University) Fazakas Balazs (Kyoto University) Satoshi Mizobata (Kyoto University)	Kyoto University Clock Tower Centennale Hall
2014/9/24	Second Conference on Institutions, Markets, and Market Quality –IEFS Japan Annual Meeting 2014-	Yan Ma (Kobe University) Takashi Komatsubara (Kyoto University) Nobuyoshi Yamori (Kobe University) Taiji Furusawa (Hitotsubashi University) Naoto Jinji (Kyoto University) Yoichi Sugita (Institute of Developing Economies, Japan External Trade Organization / IDE-JETRO) Yoshinori Kurokawa (University of Tsukuba) Akihiko Yanase (Nagoya University)	Rokkodai Main Building, Kobe University
2015 5/21~22	Third Conference on Institutions, Markets, and Market Quality –IEFS Japan Annual Meeting 2015-	Makoto Yano (Kyoto University) Shuhei Takahashi (Kyoto University) Mario Crucini (Vanderbilt University, USA) Takayuki Tsuruga (Kyoto University) Akihiko Yanase (Nagoya University) Misuzu Azuma (Chiba Keizai University) Yasushi Kawabata (Nagoya City University) Miki Matsuo (Kyushu International University) Yoichi Sugita (Japan External Trade Organization) Kazuo Mino (Kyoto University) Wanida Ngienthi (Assumption University, Thailand) Yuka Ohno (Hokkaido University) Takashi Komatsubara (Kyoto University) Krishnendu Ghosh Dastidar (Jawaharlal Nehru University, India) Hiroschi Fujii (Chiba Keizai University) Ronald W. Jones (University of Rochester, USA) Masao Oda (Ritsumeikan University) Takumi Naito (Waseda University) Yan Ma (Kobe University) Eden Yu (Chu Hai College of Higher Education, Hong Kong, China) Takeshi Ogawa (Senshu University) Fumio Dei (Kobe University) Yuichi Furukawa (Chukyo University) Rui Ota (Yokohama City University)"	Shiran Kaikan Yamauchi Hall, Kyoto University
2015/8/28	J-WEN Mentoring Workshop 2015	Donna Ginther (University of Kansas, USA) Takako Fujiwara-Greve (Keio University) Sayaka Nakamura (Nagoya University) Yuka Ohno (Hokkaido University)	Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto University

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2015/11/29	International Symposium “Economic Transition and Income Inequality in China”	Shi Li (Beijing Normal University, China) Kai KAJITANI (Kobe University) Katsuji NAKAGANE (Tokyo University) Xinxin Ma (Hitotsubashi University) Kazufumi YUGAMI (Kobe University) Masashi HOSHINO (Waseda University) Takashi OSHIO (Hitotsubashi University)	Research Building No.2, Kyoto University
2015/12/5	9th Japan-Taiwan-Hong Kong Contract Theory Conference	Hitoshi Sadakane (Kobe University) Stephen Chiu (University of Hong Kong, China) Eric Szu-Wen Chou (National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan) Daisuke Hirata (Hitotsubashi University) Min-Hung Tsay (National Chung Cheng University, Taiwan) Mami Kobayashi (Ritsumeikan University) Hsuan-Chih Lin (Academia Sinica, Taiwan) Kim-sau Chung (Chinese University of Hong Kong, China)	Suzaku Campus, Ritsumeikan University
2016 2/5~6	1st International Conference on Evidence-based Policy	Michael Keen (IMF) Makoto Yano (Kyoto University) Nick Buck (University of Essex, UK) Mari Jibu (Japan Science and Technology Agency) Annelies Blom (University of Mannheim, Germany) Ryo Yamada (Kyoto University) Takashi Komatsubara (Kyoto University) Hitoshi Shigeoka (Simon Fraser University, Canada) Masahiro Kuroda (Japan Science and Technology Agency) Takao Kuramochi (Japan Science and Technology Agency) Fumihiko Matsuda (Kyoto University) Fang He (Keio University)	Shiran Kaikan Yamauchi Hall, Kyoto University (5th), Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto University (6th)
2016 2/23~24	International Conference “Diversity of Institutional Settings and Path-dependency in Transition Economies”	Gerard Roland (University of California, USA) Geoffrey Wood (University of Essex, UK) Hiroaki Hayashi (University of Shimane) Satoshi Mizobata (Kyoto University) Norio Horie (University of Toyama) Ichiro Iwasaki (Hitotsubashi University) Martina Lubyova (Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovakia) Pavol Babos (Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovakia) Hiroshi Tanaka (Ritsumeikan University) Markku Sippora (University of Jyväskylä, Finland) Irina Olimpieva (Center for Independent Social Research, Russia) Yutaka Konishi (Gifu University) Katsumi Fujiwara (Osaka University) Andrei Belov (Fukui Prefectural University) Taku Suzuki (Teikyo University) Sadayoshi Otsu (Kobe University) Victor Gorschkov (Kaichi International University)	Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto University
2016 3/8~9	International Conference on Financial Risks and Their Management 2016	Katsumasa Nishide (Yokohama National University) Elisa Alòs (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain) Kensuke Ishitani (Meijo University) Christoph Frei (University of Alberta, Canada) Ryuichi Yamamoto (Waseda University) Tim Edwards (S&P Dow Jones Indices) Ciprian V. Marin (Lazard Asset Management) Tomohiro Hirano (The University of Tokyo) Kazuo Yamada (Nagasaki University) Asaf Cohen (University of Michigan, USA)	Research Building No.2, Kyoto University

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2016/3/9	International Conference on “EU Economic Stagnation and Political Insecurity: Lessons for Asia”	Steven Rosefielde (University of North Carolina, USA) Olga Bobrova (St.Petersburg State University of Economics, Russia) Victor Gorshkov (Kaichi International University) Yoji Koyama (Niigata University) Christine Tsai (Zhejiang University, China) Bruno Dallago (University of Trento, Italy) Evžen Kočenda (Charles University, Czech Republic)	Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto University
2016 8/6~10	The 2016 Summer School of the Econometric Society in Kyoto	Atsushi Kajii (Kyoto University) Ariel Rubinstein (Tel Aviv University, Israel) In-Koo Cho (University of Illinois, USA) Efe A. Ok (New York University, USA)	Research Building No.2, Kyoto University
2016 8/27~28	International Conference on Financial Risks and Uncertainties	Nan Chen (The Chinese University of Hong Kong, China) Hitoshi Hayakawa (Hokkaido University) Sebastian Jaimungal (University of Toronto, Canada) Lingfei Li (The Chinese University of Hong Kong, China) Tomonori Nakatsu (Ritsumeikan University) Christopher Ting (Singapore Management University, Singapore) Kazutoshi Yamazaki (Kansai University) Kazuhiro Yasuda (Hosei University)	Hotel Oacity Kyowa in Miyakojima, Okinawa
2016/11/22	Hitotsubashi Decision Theory Workshop	Todd Sarver (Duke University, USA) Daisuke Nakajima (Otaru University of Commerce) Philipp Sadowski (Duke University, USA) David Ahn (University of California, Berkeley, USA) Asen Kochov (University of Rochester, USA) David Dillenberger (University of Pennsylvania, USA)	Mercury Tower, Hitotsubashi University
2017 6/17~18	International Conference on Financial Risks and Uncertainties 2017	Hyun Jin Jang Ulsan (National Institute of Science and Technology, USA) Tomonori Nakatsu (Ritsumeikan University) Christopher Ting (Singapore Management University, Singapore) Yuan Tian (Ryukoku University) Nan Chen (The Chinese University of Hong Kong, China) Rusudan Kevkhishvili (Kyoto University) Kit Pong Wong (University of Hong Kong, China)	Ohama Nobumoto memorial hall in Ishigakijima, Okinawa
2017/6/22	International Conference “Institutional Changes and Quality of Economic Growth in China”	Kai KAJITANI (Kobe University) Takuma KOBAYASHI (Matsuyama University) Tian ZHU (China Europe International Business School, China) Yang YAO (Peking University, China)	Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto University
2017 8/29~30	TMU Workshop on Finance 2017	Sebastian Jaimungal (University of Toronto, Canada) Michael Tehranchi (University of Cambridge, UK) Hoi Ying Wong (Chinese University of Hong Kong, China) Kit Pong Wong (University of Hong Kong, China)	Marunouchi Satellite Campus, Tokyo Metropolitan University / TMU
2017 12/8~10	Kyoto International Conference and EACES - Asia Workshop “The Future of Transition Economics: Emerging Multinationals and The Historical Perspective”	Kalman Kalotay (UNCTAD) Sass Magdolna (Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Hungary) Xuanli Xie (Peking University, China) Zoia Podoba (Saint-Petersburg State University, Russia) Satoshi Mizobata (Kyoto University) Jehoon Park (Incheon National University, Korea) Sergei V. Zhuravlev (Institute of Russian History, RAN, Russia) Byung-Yeon Kim (Seoul National University, Korea) Wuyue You (Central University of Finance and Economics, China) Ichiro Iwasaki (Hitotsubashi University) Irina Denisova (NES, Russia) Hiroaki Hayashi (Ristumeikan University)	Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto University (8th) Shirankaikan Annex, kyoto University (9-10th)

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Date	Title	Guest Speakers	Venue
2018 3/8~9	Conference on Institutions, Markets, and Market Quality	Makoto Yano (Kyoto University) Youngsub Chun (Seoul National University, Korea) Takayuki Oishi (Meisei University) Yuichi Furukawa (Chukyo University) Yu Awaya (University of Rochester, USA) Yoichi Sugita (Hitotsubashi University) Atsumasa Kondo (Shiga University) Takakazu Honryo (University of Mannheim, Germany) Taiji Furusawa (Hitotsubashi University) Harrison Cheng (University of Southern California, USA) Krishnendu Dastidar (Jawaharlal Nehru University, India) Fumihiko Matsuda (Kyoto University) Shigeru Hirota (Cabinet Office, Government of Japan) Saul Estrin (London School of Economics, UK) Satoshi Mizobata (Kyoto University) Jeff Nugent (University of Southern California, USA) Kazuo Nishimura (Kobe University) Takashi Kamihigashi (Kobe University) Eden S. H. Yu (Chu Hai College of Higher Education, Hong Kong) Ma Yan (Kobe University) Rui Ota (Yokohama City University) Yuya Takahashi (Johns Hopkins University, USA)	Yamauchi Hall of Shiran Kaikan, Kyoto University
2018/3/12	International Conference on Advanced Research on the International Politics and Economics:EU, Russia and China	Du Jin (Takushoku University) Zhikai Wang (Zhejiang University, China) Steven Rosefelde (The University of North Carolina, USA) Kumiko Haba (Aoyama Gakuin University) Masahiko Yoshii (Kobe University) Victor Gorshkov (Kaichi International University)	Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto University
2018/3/21	Kyoto Special Seminar on Emerging Multinationals	Andrei Panibratov (Saint Petersburg State University, Russia) Victor Gorshkov (Kaichi International University) Yumiko Nakahara (Kyushu Sangyo University) Takuma Kobayashi (Matsuyama University) Satoshi Mizobata (Kyoto University) Olga Bobrova (Saint Petersburg State University of Economics, Russia)	Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto University
2018/6/25	Kyoto Special Conference on Economic Institutions	Geoffrey Wood (University of Essex, UK) Shabneez Bhankaraully (Alliance Manchester Business School, UK) Gerhard Schnyder (Loughborough University, UK) Douglas B. Fuller (Zhejiang University, China) Yuanyuan Gong (Okayama University) Jennifer Johns (University of Liverpool, UK) Matthew Allen (Alliance Manchester Business School, UK)	Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto University
2018/11/7	Advanced Study on Transition Economics and Comparative Economics	Ichiro Iwasaki (Hitotsubashi University) Evzen Kocenda (Charles University, Czech) Satoshi Mizobata (Kyoto University) Byung-Yeon Kim (Seoul National University, Korea) Vasily A. Anikin (National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russia) Takuma Kobayashi (Matsuyama University) Xinxin Ma (Hitotsubashi University) Kazuho Yokogawa (Kanagawa University)	Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto University

Date	Title	Guest Speakers	Venue
2019 1/25~27	Kyoto International Conference Civil Society, Firms, and Government in Post-Transition and Emerging Economies	Hiroaki Hayashi (Ritsumeikan University) Erdenebat Bataa (National University of Mongolia, Mongolia) Yang Yao (Peking University, China) Geoffrey Wood (University of Essex, UK) Julia Lezhnina (National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russia) Vasily Anikin (National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russia) Kazuho Yokogawa (Kanagawa University) Katsumi Fujiwara (Osaka University) Mihoko Satogami (Kyoto University) Victor Gorshkov (Kaichi International University) Tomoyo Toyota (The University of Shimane) Horinori Fushita (The Japan Institute of International Affairs) Xuanli Xie (Peking University, China) DanDan Zhang (Peking University, China) Keiji Natsume (Aichi Toho University) Yumiko Nakahara (Kyushu Sangyo University) Takuma Kobayashi (Matsuyama University)	Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto University
2019 2/19~20	Workshop on Financial Risks and Their Management	Nan Chen (The Chinese University of Hong Kong, China) Larry G. Epstein (Boston University, USA) Sebastian Gryglewicz (Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands) Hyeng Keun Koo (Ajou University, Korea) Yong Hyun Shin (Sookmyung Women's University, Korea) Tak-Yuen Wong (Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, China)	Ryukoku University, Wagenkan
2019/3/5	Workshop on Recent Developments in Econometric Theory and Its Applications 2019	Rusudan Kevkhishvili (Kyoto University) Masamune Iwasawa (Capital University of Economics and Business, China) Hongjun Li (Capital University of Economics and Business, China) Yoshihiko Nishiyama (Kyoto University) Shandre Thangavelu (Adelaide University, Australia) Yoko Konishi (RIETI)	Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto University
2019/12/7	The 13th East Asian Contract Theory Conference	Jimmy Chan (Chinese University of Hong Kong, China) Chang Koo Chi (NHH-Norwegian School of Economics, Norway) Michiko Ogaku (Nagasaki University) Eric Chou (Tsinghua University, China) Joonbae Lee (Korea Information Society Development Institute (KISDI), Korea) Wei-Cheng Chen (Academia Sinica, Taiwan) Fumitoshi Moriya (Kobe City University of Foreign Studies) Chen Zhao (University of Hong Kong, China)	Kannai Media Center, Kanto Gakuin University
2020 3/4~5	Kyoto International Workshop: Advanced Study on Transition Economics and Comparative Economics	Evzen Kocenda (Charles University, Czech Republic) Xinxin Ma (Toyama University) Nguyen Thi Ngoc Anh (National Economics University, Vietnam) Enkhmandakh Enkhchimeg (Kyoto University) Go Yano (Kyoto University) Masahiro Tokunaga (Kansai University) Ichiro Iwasaki (Hitotsubashi University) Satoshi Mizobata (Kyoto University)	Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto University
2020/3/20	Kyoto International Workshop: Advanced Studies on Comparative Economics	Zoia Podoba (St. Petersburg State University, Russia) Nguyen Thi Ngoc Anh (National Economics University, Vietnam) Olga Bobrova (St. Petersburg State University of Economics, Russia) Victor Gorshkov (Kaichi International University)	Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto University

Track Record

KIER Track Records

The Kyoto Institute of Economic Research(KIER) consistently comes first or second as an economic research institute in Japan. In particular, KIER can cite top-class research results in Japan using both the Social Science Citation Index, which is the most widely used index for evaluating research results, and the number of articles published in international scholastic journals (according to the track record of publishing in the top-ten ranked economic academic journals created by the European Economic Association).

Of all the research conducted at the Institute, "The Spatial Economy" (MIT Press) by specially-appointed professor Masahisa Fujita's, and co-authored with P. Krugman (Princeton University) and A. J. Venables (London School of Economics), can be cited as representative of making a global impact. This book is a must-read for this field, and the number of times it has been cited as of 2010 has reached 1,000.

Honors / Awards		
Telecom Social Science Award	1970	Takamitsu SAWA
Nikkei Prize for Economics Books	1970	Takamitsu SAWA
Nikkei Prize for Economics Books	1971	Masahiko AOKI
Medal with Purple Ribbon	1985	Masao BABA
Medal with Purple Ribbon	1987	Hisao ONOE
The Japan Academy Award	1990	Masahiko AOKI
Hiromi Arisawa Prize for the Association of American University Presses	1991	Masahiko AOKI
1st Prize, European Meeting on Cybernetics and Systems Research	1992	Fumiko SEO
Medal with Purple Ribbon	1996	Kazuo KOIKE
The Energy Forum Award ; Award for Spread Enlightenment	1996	Takamitsu SAWA
Wakayama Prefecture Culture Prize	1998	Takamitsu SAWA
The Energy Forum Award	1998	Takamitsu SAWA
The Nakahara Prize, Japanese Economic Association	1999	Akira OKADA
Nikkei Prize for Economics Books	2000	Masahisa FUJITA
The Annual Award for Research Monographs on Labor	2001	Kenn ARIGA
Nikkei Prize for Economics Books	2002	Hiroshi OSANO
The William Alonso Memorial Prize for Innovative Work in Regional Science	2002	Masahisa FUJITA
The Japan Institute of energy :The award for Distinguished paper	2004	Takamitsu SAWA
The Sakashita Prize, Applied Regional Science Conference	2004	Tomoya MORI
Paper Award of Japan Society for Fuzzy Theory and Intelligent Informatics	2004	Fumiko SEO, Takao FUKUCHI
Prize for Publication, Mathematical Society of Japan	2005	Kazuo NISHIMURA
IJET LionelW. McKenzie Prize for contributions to economic theory	2007	John STACHURSKI
Excellent presentation award in 6th Annual Meeting (2007) for The Japan Association for Research on Testing	2007	Takuya KIMURA
Third Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Prize	2006	Atsushi KAJII
Medal with Purple Ribbon	2007	Takamitsu SAWA
JSIE Kojima Kiysohi Prize, The Japan Society of International Economics	2007	Ryuhei WAKASUGI
Honorary Degree of Doctor, University of Aix- Marseilles II	2007	Kazuo NISHIMURA
The Nakahara Prize, Japanese Economic Association	2008	Atsushi KAJII
2008 JAIBS Award, Japan Academy of International Business Studies	2008	Ryuhei WAKASUGI
Nikkei Prize for Economics Books	2008	Kazuo NISHIMURA, Makoto YANO
Japan Statistical Society Research Award 2009	2009	Yoshihiko NISHIYAMA
JSIE-Kojima Kiysohi Prize, The Japan Society of International Economics	2009	Kazumichi IWASA
Japan Statistical Society Ogawa Research Prize	2010	Ryo OKUI
Kyoto Shimbun Grand Award in Culture/Academy	2010	Kazuo NISHIMURA
Member of the Japan Academy	2010	Masahisa FUJITA
Medal with Purple Ribbon	2012	Kazuo NISHIMURA
Member of the Japan Academy	2012	Kazuo NISHIMURA
Tenth Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Prize	2013	Tomoyuki NAKAJIMA
11th Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Prize	2014	Tadashi SEKIGUCHI
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Star	2016	Masahisa FUJITA
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Star	2019	Kazuo NISHIMURA

Personnel Training

KIER uses young researchers with degrees from graduate schools both from Japan and abroad as term-limited instructors to supply opportunities to experience research and teaching. From 2003 until now, 16 young researchers have been appointed, and are active as researchers working in educational and research bodies such as universities since the end of their appointment period. Further, young researchers are also used as fixed-term assistant teachers who perform joint research activities with employees.

In addition, various part-time researcher systems are used to accept Kyoto University part-time researchers (research organization researchers), GCOE researchers, and Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) special researchers for personnel training.

Moreover, young researchers are actively supported and trained through teaching research to PhD candidates in lectures held with the cooperation of the Graduate School of Economics and Faculty of Economics, Kyoto University.

KIER also actively supports domestic/international researchers' community and a variety of seminars and international conferences for young researchers. In FY2016, the Institute supported the Econometric Society, Summer Workshop on Economic Theory (SWET), Comparative Economics Workshop for International Young Researchers, and so on. It was awarded the Education Merit Award by the Ministry of Education and Training of Viet Nam.



Number of Young Researchers (PD) Accepted

Fiscal Year	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Total Number	13	15	11	13	14

Latest Main Appointments among PD and Student Teachers (FY2003~)

■ Universities

Hokkaido University, Otaru University of Commerce, Tohoku University, Yamagata University, University of Tsukuba, The University of Tokyo, Hitotsubashi University, Yokohama National University, Nagoya University, Shiga University, Kyoto University, Osaka University, Kobe University, Wakayama University, Hiroshima University, Kyushu University, Nagasaki University, Aomori Public University, Tokyo Metropolitan University, Nagoya City University, Kobe City University of Foreign Studies, Shimonoseki City University, Ehime University, Sapporo Gakuin University, Chiba University of Commerce, Kanagawa University, Nihonbashi Gakkan University, Aoyama Gakuin University, Asia University, Keio University, Seikei University, Soka University, Chuo University, Tokyo Keizai University, Hosei University, Waseda University, Nagoya Gakuin University, Gifu Shotoku Gakuen University, Kyoto Gakuen University, Kyoto Bunkyo University, Doshisha University, Ritsumeikan University, Ryukoku University, Osaka Gakuin University, Osaka University of Economics, Kansai University, Kinki University, Kwansei Gakuin University, Konan University, Kyoto Sangyo University, Tezukayama University, Kyoto Seika University, Hiroshima University of Economics, Matsuyama University, Kyushu International University, Kurume University, Fukuoka University, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, University of Melbourne, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico

■ Governmental Organizations

Technology Research Institute of Osaka Prefecture, RIKEN, Institute of Developing Economies, Policy Research Institute (Ministry of Finance), Ehime Prefecture, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), Japan Agency for Local Authority Information Systems (J-LIS)

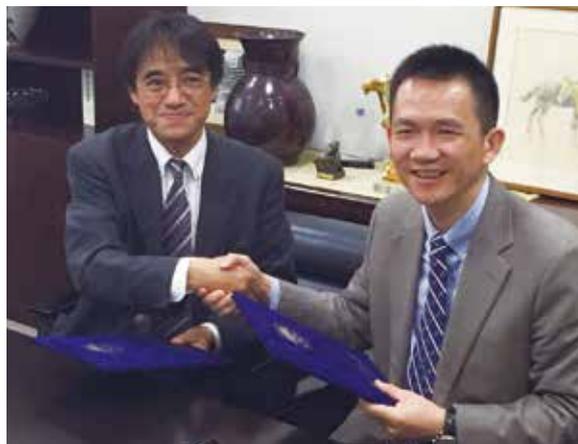
■ Private Firms

Institute of Intellectual Property, NTT, MRI Research Associates, Inc., AXA Life Insurance, Institute for Areal Studies Software Research Associates, Inc. (SRA), Toyota Motor Corporation, EPS Corporation, Shinsei Bank, Recruit Holdings Co.,Ltd., Institute of Transportation Economics, Keizai Doyukai (Japan Association of Corporate Executives), Sumitomo Mitsui Card Co., Ltd., IBM Japan Services Company Ltd., Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation, Mitsubishi Research Institute, Inc., Chubu Region Institute for Social and Economic Research, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, Simplex Financial Holdings Co., Ltd., Asset Management ONE Co., Ltd., Nanjing Securities, Mizuho Financial Group Inc., Nomura Research Institute Ltd., Advanced Media, Inc., Asahi WoodTec Corporation, SMBC Nikko Securities Inc., NTT DATA Mathematical Systems Inc., Keyence Corporation, KPMG Consulting Co., Ltd., Japan WillTech Solution Co., Ltd., MetLife, Inc., KPMG Tax Corporation

Track Record

International Exchange

KIER is widely known as an international research center for economic theory. The International Journal of Economic Theory, which is published jointly with Keio University, is highly regarded as a global specialist journal, and is the first international journal of economic theory edited primarily by Japanese researchers. Further, in addition to establishing posts for non-Japanese visiting teachers and inviting world-leading researchers, KIER is also engaged in various joint international research, and is ceaselessly visited by non-Japanese researchers. In light of this track record, KIER has signed agreements with overseas universities in America, France, and elsewhere, and is actively engaging in research exchange.



Academic Exchange Agreements with Foreign Research Institutions

Country	Institution	Period
Russian Federation	Higher School of Economics	4/2/2007 ~ 4/1/2022
French Republic	Groupement de Recherche en Economie Quantitative d' Aix Marseille (GREQAM)	11/28/2007 ~ 1/29/2023
Republic of Korea	The Institute of Economic Research, Seoul National University	2/22/2008 ~ 2/17/2023
Hungary	The Institute of Economics, Hungarian Academy of Sciences	3/23/2010 ~ 7/23/2022
People's Republic of China	China Center for Economic Research, Peking University	6/22/2017 ~ 6/21/2022
Taiwan	Asia University	4/2/2018 ~ 4/1/2023
Russian Federation	Saint-Petersburg University	4/19/2018 ~ 4/18/2023
Republic of Korea	Yonsei University	3/27/2019 ~ 3/26/2024

Researchers from Abroad

Area	Fiscal Year				
	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Asia	23(2)	10(2)	22(2)	11(3)	9(3)
North America	22(2)	29(2)	14(0)	12(1)	7(2)
South & Central America	0	0	0	0	0
Europe	21(3)	20(2)	19(4)	14(2)	12(1)
Oceania	2	3(1)	2(0)	2(0)	6(0)
Middle East	1	3(0)	2(0)	2(0)	2(0)
Africa	0	0	0	0	0
Total	69(7)	65(7)	59(6)	41(6)	36(6)

Note: Figures in parentheses describe long-term appointments within the total number.

Library

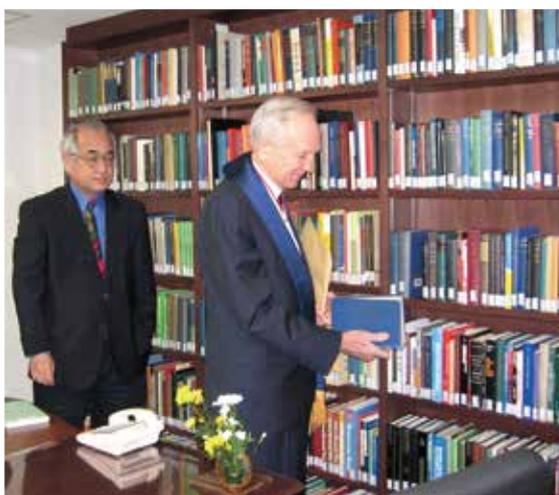
Ever since its opening in 1965, the Library of the Institute of Economic Research has been actively gathering various data, centering on specialist publications and statistical data relating to economic studies. As of March 2020, the library houses in excess of 80 thousand specialist publications and data in total to support the activities of researchers both from Japan and abroad.

Library Hours

- Mon to Fri 9:00 to 17:00
- Closed on Sat, Sun, holidays, founder's day (18 June), 1 to 5 April, the summer holiday period, the winter holiday period, and the first day of every month (Closed on the following open day if the first day is a holiday.)
- Use of the Library by Non-Students
When using, please present some form of identification.
Browsing and temporary removal for copying only are permitted.

McKenzie Library (Total collection 1,495 publications)

These publications were donated to the Kyoto Institute of Economic Research by Rochester University professor emeritus Lionel McKenzie (1919.1.26-2010.10.12). After graduating from Duke University in the United States, Professor McKenzie studied at Princeton University graduate school, where he obtained both his masters and PhD in economics, and went on to teach at both MIT and Duke University. Following his appointment as professor to Rochester University in 1957 until his retirement, Professor McKenzie actually strove to train researchers over the course of 32 years. Every time he visited Japan, Professor McKenzie held lectures and talks at KIER seminars, as well as visiting and attending international symposiums sponsored by KIER. Consequently, he had close ties to Kyoto University and so he donated his massive library to KIER in October 2003. Professor McKenzie's students are active around the world, and there are many of his students who are teaching at other universities in Japan as well. Still he donated his books to the Kyoto Institute of Economic Research, which is an unparalleled honor for the institute. Making the most of this opportunity, KIER established the McKenzie Library within the institute itself, which continues to be of use in improving the research standards of both faculty and students at Kyoto University.



McKenzie Library



Library



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Library

Total number of publications

Classification	library holdings
Japanese books	42,199
Western Books	43,311
Total Collection	85,510
Japanese Periodicals	2,811
Western Periodicals	1,309
Total No. of Periodicals	4,120

(as of March 2020)

On-site Facility for Remote Access to Official Statistical Data

Official statistical micro data consists of questionnaire answer information provided by individuals to statistical surveys conducted by national government agencies. According to Article 33 of the Statistics Act, use of official statistical micro data is permitted for academic research in the public interest, with certain restrictions in place. The revised Statistical Law came into effect in May 2019, with provision made for the expanded scope of academic use of microdata on the proviso that information be accessed on-site. On-site use is a method in which officially authorized researchers may access official statistical micro data using a thin-client PC in an on-site facility to perform their own aggregation and analysis. The on-site facility is equipped with information security measures established at universities and research institutes, in collaboration with the National Statistics Center. In the near future, the academic use of official statistical micro data is expected to be predominantly conducted at on-site facilities.

In view of the importance of research that uses official statistical micro data both in the social humanities and natural sciences, our institute established the On-Site Facility for Remote Access to Official Statistical Data in March 2019, with the approval of the National Statistics Center. Our institute allow researchers outside Kyoto University who have been granted permission to use official statistical micro data to conduct research at the facility. The Official Statistics On-site Facility Management Office manages and operates the facility, and plans to carry out various activities to improve the research environment, promote research, and disseminate the use of the facility in the field of studies with official statistical micro data. To this end, members of our institute and visiting or specially appointed faculty members invited from outside the university will collaborate in achieving these aims.

Facility information and its terms of use are as follows:

Office for the On-Site Facility for Remote Access to Official Statistical Data

(TEL: 075-753-7102 E-mail: operator@kier.kyoto-u.ac.jp)

Working Hours: 9:30-17:30 (reception and facility use)

Closed on weekends, Foundation Day of Kyoto University (June 18), and summer and winter holidays.

Terms of Use

- Personal computers, cameras, recording devices, Wi-Fi devices, mobile phones, smartphones, and other communication devices are prohibited from being brought into the facility.
- In some cases, access to use the facility may be denied.
- Any questions regarding other rules and regulations on facility usage should be directed to the Management Office.

Usage Guide

- Reservation is required for facility usage. In order to access the facility, users' identity will need to be confirmed with the staff. Apply in-person for the usage of the facility at the Management Office.
- The facility is equipped with security cameras. The recorded data of the security cameras are retained for an unspecified period.
- For general questions about the on-site use of official statistical micro data, please contact the Center of Statistical Data Utilization and Application.



Finances

Total Budget (National School Special Accounts and University Grants)

Unit / 1,000 Yen

Fiscal Year		FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Item						
University Grants		412,951	401,874	399,894	436,235	419,586
Breakdown	Personnel Expenses	327,696	297,729	293,388	313,993	328,902
	Cost of Supplies	85,255	104,145	106,506	122,242	90,684

Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research Expenses (KAKENHI)

Unit / 1,000 Yen

Fiscal Year		FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Item						
Number of Grants		17	16	17	13	10
Amount of Grants		118,268	36,020	27,500	17,901	10,650

Dose not include share of expenses or Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows. Direct accounting only.

External Funds

Unit / 1,000 Yen

Fiscal Year		FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Item						
Entrusted Research Fund	Number	8	5	4	2	2
	Amount	27,950	23,086	17,362	16,715	22,016
Collaborative Research with Private Sector	Number	2	2	2	2	2
	Amount	22,755	21,963	20,528	20,206	21,950
Donations	Number	7	0	1	2	0
	Amount	4,867	0	400	1,700	0
Total	Number	17	7	7	6	4
	Amount	55,572	45,049	38,290	38,621	43,966

Other Grants-in Aid, etc.

Unit / 1,000 Yen

Fiscal Year		FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Item						
Improvement of Research Environment for Young Researchers (Tenure Track System)		9,303	3,000	2,933	2,000	—
Inter-Graduate School Program for Sustainable Development and Survivable Societies		—	442	462	568	—
Program for Leading Graduate Schools "Graduate School of Advanced Leadership Studies"		500	600	150	—	—
Building of Consortia for the Development of Human Resources in Science and Technology (K-CONNEX)		7,080	12,000	—	—	—

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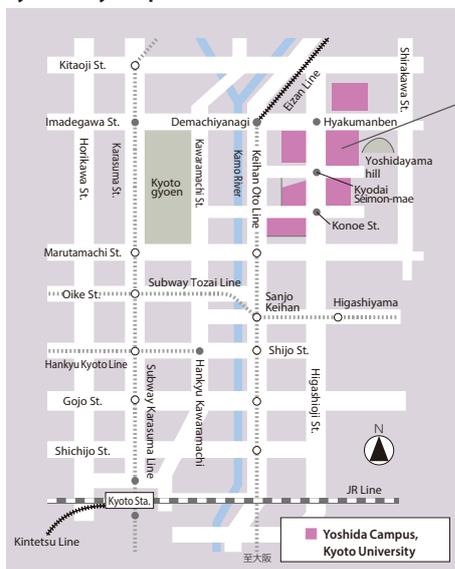
Chronological Table

March 1962	The establishment of the Institute of Economic Research in Kyoto University was determined, following the partial revision of The National School Establishment Law in Law No. 36 published in 1962.
April 1962	The Institute of Economic Research was established with two research divisions, Industrial Structure and Comparative Industry.
May 1962	The administrative office was established in the main campus, Kyoto University.
December 1962	A support group for constructing the institute was organized.
August 1963	The institute was moved to a temporary building in Yoshida-Shimo Adachi-cho, Sakyo-ku. (Part of the research rooms remained in the west area of the campus.)
April 1964	Two new research divisions, Local Economy and Resource Economy, were established according to ordinance No. 10 of the Ministry of Education.
July 1964	The construction of a new building was begun by the above-mentioned support group.
May 1965	The construction of the new building was completed and the building was given to the institution by the support group. The institute was moved to the new building.
April 1966	Two new research divisions, Planned Economy and Industrial Statistics, were established according to ordinance No. 24 of the Ministry of Education.
April 1968	The three divisions, Industrial Structure, Resource Economy and Industrial Statistics, were transferred to experimental divisions.
October 1972	A celebration party and memorial lecture meeting were held in the institute on the occasion of the 10th anniversary. A celebration party and memorial lecture meeting were held at Asahi-Shinbun hall in Osaka on the occasion of the 10th anniversary.
April 1976	The Local Economy Division was transferred to an experimental division.
April 1977	The Environmental Economy Division was established according to ordinance No. 15 of the Ministry of Education.
April 1978	The Planned Economy Division was transferred to an experimental division.
April 1979	The Comparative Economy System Division was established according to ordinance No. 12 of the Ministry of Education.
April 1981	The Contemporary Economic Analysis Division (Visiting research division) was established according to ordinance No. 12 of the Ministry of Education. The main research building was extended to a four story building.
November 1982	A memorial lecture meeting was held at the Culture Information Center of Osaka Prefecture on the occasion of the 20th anniversary.
December 1982	A memorial lecture meeting was held in the institute on the occasion of the 20th anniversary.
April 1983	The Comparative Economic Analysis Division (Foreign visiting research division) was established according to ordinance No. 11 of the Ministry of Education.
April 1986	Ordinance No. 19 of the Ministry of Education reorganized the institute into four major research divisions of Quantitative Industrial Analysis, Economic Planning, Resource Environment, and Comparison of Economies, and 12 research areas.
April 1991	A research area was added, amounting to 13 research areas.
October 1992	A memorial lecture meeting was held at the Faculty of Economics on the occasion of the 30th anniversary. A memorial symposium was held at Senri Life Science Center in Toyonaka on the occasion of the 30th anniversary.
March 1993	The Comparative Economic Analysis Division (Foreign visiting research division) was closed.
April 1993	The International Political Economy Division (Foreign visiting research division) was established according to ordinance No. 19 of the Ministry of Education.
June 1994	The National Wealth Division was established according to ordinance No. 24 of the Ministry of Education, amounting to 5 major research divisions and 15 research areas.
April 2000	The Research Center for Financial Engineering was established.
October 2001	Endowed research division "Applied Financial Engineering Division (Sponsored by Nomura Securities Group)" was established for a time period of until September 30, 2004
April 2002	The Economic Planning Division was renamed as the Economics of Complex Systems Division according to the law amending The National School Establishment Law.
October 2002	A memorial symposium and celebration party were held at Kyoto International Community House on the occasion of the 40th anniversary.
November 2002	A memorial symposium and celebration party were held at Gakujutu-Sogo Center (Hitotsubashi Memorial Hall) in Tokyo on the occasion of the 40th anniversary.
February 2004	Professor McKenzie, Professor emeritus of University of Rochester, received the title of Honorary Doctor of Kyoto University. The McKenzie Library was opened with books donated by Professor McKenzie, Professor emeritus of University of Rochester.
April 2004	The institute was reorganized into three major research divisions of the Economic Information Analysis, Economic Institution, Public Policy, and two research centers of Financial Engineering and Economics of Complex Systems. The Tokyo branch of the Institute of Economic Research was opened in Marunouchi, Tokyo. (for a time period of until January 31, 2012)
October 2004	The time period for the endowed research division "Applied Financial Engineering Division (Sponsored by Nomura Securities Group)" was renewed until September 30, 2007.
July 2005	The Research Center for Advanced Policy Studies was established.
August 2006	Applied Financial Engineering Division (Sponsored by Nomura Securities Group) was renamed as Applied Financial Engineering Division (Sponsored by Nomura Group).
April 2007	Endowed research division "Educational Economics Division" was established for a time period of until March 31, 2010
October 2007	Endowed research division "Mathematical Finance Division (Nomura Group)" was established for a time period of until September 30, 2010.
March 2008	The earthquake reinforcement of the library annex was completed. This became the new north wing of KIER and was handed over.
August 2008	The Tokyo office (at Marunouchi) was opened in the Tokyo branch as a partnership and communications base concomitant with the implementation of the GCOE (Keio University) program. (for a time period of until January 31, 2012)

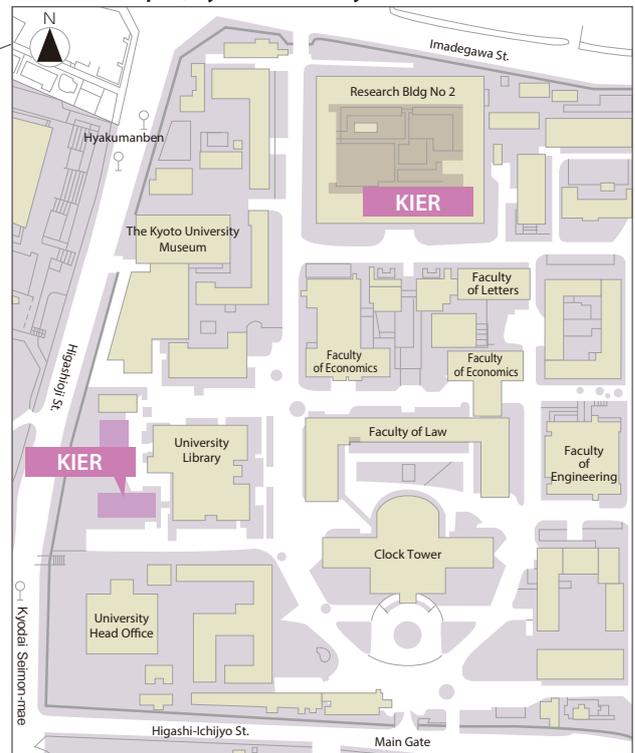
September 2008	The Tokyo office (at Mita) was opened in the Tokyo branch as a teaching and research base concomitant with the implementation of the GCOE (Keio University) program. (for a time period of until March 31, 2016)
December 2008	816 m ² of the south wing of the 4th floor of the Research Building No. 2 was received by the Institute of Economic Research as a space for research and lectures.
April 2009	The Public Policy Research Division changed its name to the Strategic Economic Studies Division.
April 2010	The Research Center for Financial Engineering was reorganized as the Financial Research Division. The Joint Usage/Research Center was certified as an "International Joint Usage/Research Center for Advanced Economic Theory" . The new "International Research Unit of Integrated Complex System Science (IRU-ICSS)" is being established as a companion unit. (Scheduled for completion on March 31, 2022.) Further, the Institute of Sustainability Science is also participating.
April 2011	The Research Center for Advanced Policy Studies was established in Research Divisions.
November 2012	A memorial lecture meeting and celebration party were held at Shiran Kaikan on the occasion of the 50th anniversary. A memorial lecture meeting and celebration party were held at Kyoto University Tokyo Office on the occasion of the 50th anniversary.
March 2013	The earthquake reinforcement of the main wing of KIER was completed.
April 2013	The Administration Office (Letters), Main Campus was established for more efficient and integrated administrative processing.
July 2013	The Administration Office (Letters), Main Campus went into full-scale operation following the completion of the office relocation.
April 2014	The new "Social Science Unit for Research and Education" is being established as a companion unit. (Scheduled for completion on March 31, 2025.)
July 2015	KIER participated in the launch of the new "International Research Unit of Advanced Future Studies (IUR-AFS)" and "Unit of Academic Knowledge Integration Studies" (for a time period of until March 31, 2020)
April 2016	The Institute of Sustainability Science transitioned into the Research Unit for Development for Global Sustainability. (for a time period of until March 31, 2020)
March 2019	On-Site Facility for Remote Access to Official Statistical Data was launched with the approval of the National Statistics Center (NSTAC)
April 2020	The following three cooperation units were established: the International Research Unit of Quantum Information, the Data-oriented Area Studies Unit and the Research Unit for Development of Sustainable Society (the scientific activities of these units are to be completed by March 31, 2025)

Map & Access

Kyoto City Map



Yoshida Campus, Kyoto University



Access to Kyoto Station from Kansai International Airport

1) Train



2) Airport Limousine Bus



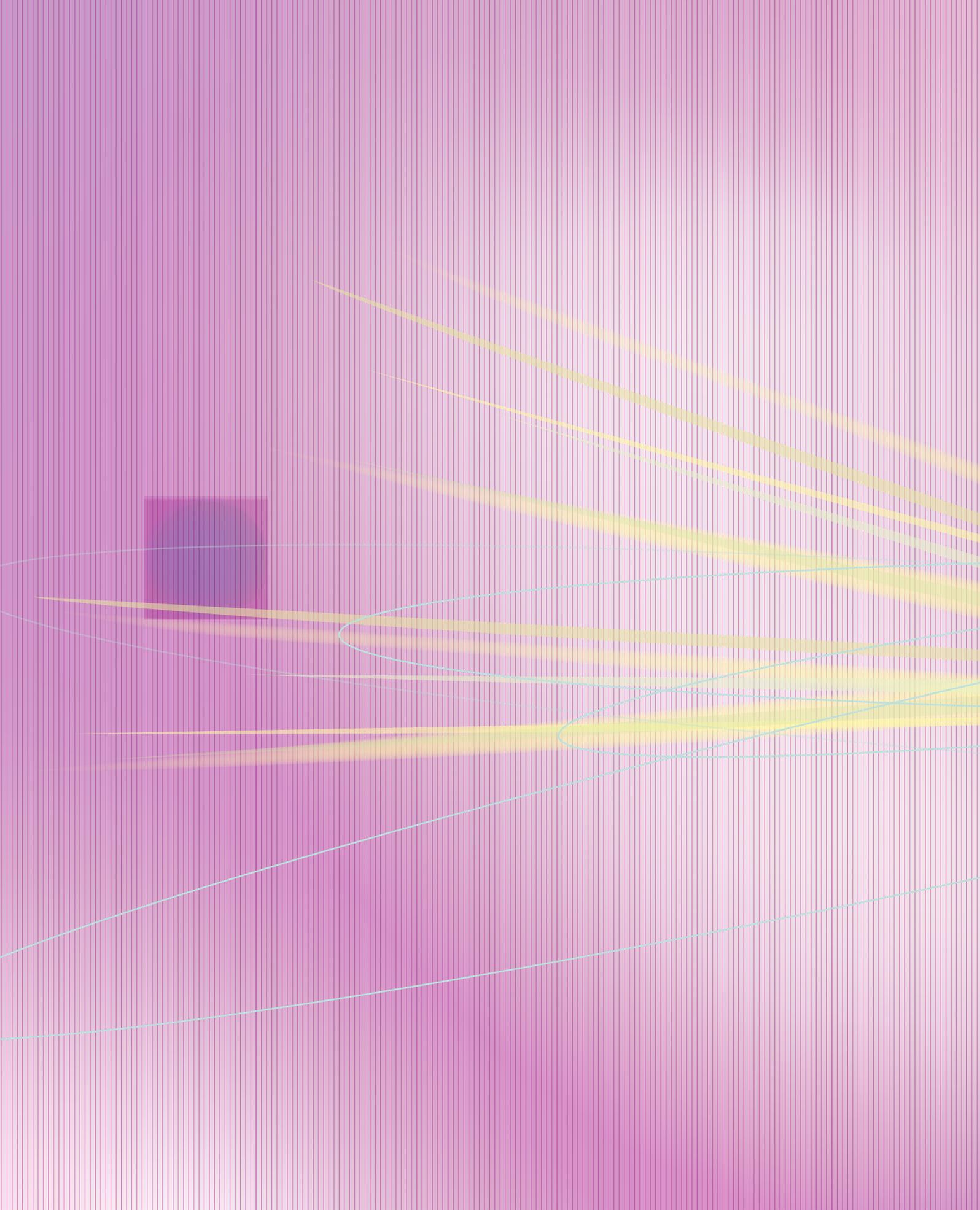
Transportation to Kyoto University from JR Kyoto Station

- **To take a taxi**
The journey will take about 20 minutes
- **To take the bus: Kyoto City Bus**
The bus ride will take approx. 30-35 minutes
206: bound for Kitaoji Bus Terminal via Higashiyama St.
17: bound for Ginkaku-ji via Kawaramachi St.



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