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Databases

The Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University, consolidates and makes publicly available a wide variety of statistical and bibliographic information, along with the Long-Term Economic Statistics (LTES) Database (some information is provided in collaboration with other institutes).

Promoting secondary use of government statistics microdata

Under a partnership agreement with the National Statistics Center, the Institute of Economic Research provides academic researchers and others with anonymous data from official statistics, through its official statistics microdata desk.

Publications

The Economic Review (since 1950) is highly regarded as one of the major academic general interest journal in economics in Japan. Research by institute staff is published as the Economic Research Series. In addition, the Research Centre for Information and Statistics publishes the "Statistical Data and Documentation Series" and each large scale project maintains its own Discussion Paper series. Many of these papers can be downloaded from the Hitotsubashi University Repository.



Joint Usage/Research Center

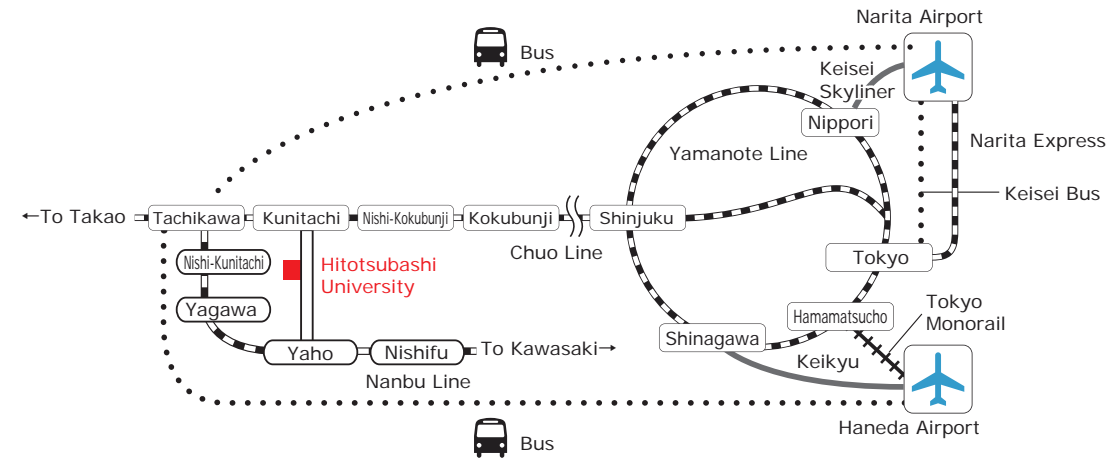
As one of the national universities designated as a Joint Usage/Research Center, Hitotsubashi University encourages researchers across Japan and overseas to propose research projects that utilize research resources including databases available at the Institute of Economic Research. Projects are funded upon review and approval by the Steering Committee. Hitotsubashi University supported 71 projects as "Project Research Program" during the 6-year period between fiscal years 2010 and 2015, 4 projects as "Resampling Data Usage Promotion Program" during the 2 year period between fiscal years 2014 and 2015. Accomplishments of the cooperative research projects conducted at the university during fiscal years 2010-2014 are exemplified by 777 research articles that have been published, including 160 in international academic journals. In an assessment conducted at the end of the period in 2015, it was awarded a grade of A and was authorized for a second period (fiscal years 2016-2021).

Library

The libraries of the Institute and the Research Centre for Information and Statistics of Social Science (RCISS) house approximately 610,000 volumes. The main Institute branch is primarily collecting statistical data and related references on various countries, particularly Russia and Asian nations, and is considered one of the best economics archives in Japan. The Center branch maintains a schematic collection of Japanese data starting from the Meiji era.



Directions



From TOKYO (東京) or SHINJUKU (新宿) Station

Take the JR CHUO line (中央線) to KUNITACHI (国立) station in the direction of TAKAO (高尾) station. Please note: if you board a TOKUBETSU KAISOKU (特別快速) train, be certain to change at KOKUBUNJI (国分寺) station to a KAISOKU (快速) train, since the Tokubetsu Kaisoku does NOT stop at Kunitachi.
Time: Approximately 1 hour from Tokyo; 40 minutes from Shinjuku.

From HANEDA AIRPORT (羽田空港)

Limousine Bus ☆☆
Bus service to TACHIKAWA RAILWAY STATION NORTH EXIT or PALACE HOTEL TACHIKAWA (パレスホテル立川) runs around once per hour. Bus Stop #4 is located in the International Terminal. From Tachikawa station, take the JR Chuo line to Kunitachi in the direction of Tokyo. Taxi service is also available to the campus.
Time: Approximately 2 hours.
<http://hnd-bus.com/route/hajijima.html>

TOKYO MONORAIL (東京モノレール) ☆

Take the Tokyo Monorail to HAMAMATSUCHO (浜松町) station, and change to the JR YAMANOTE (山手線) line in the direction of Tokyo. From Tokyo station, take the JR Chuo line to Kunitachi.
Time: Approximately 1.5 hours.
<http://www.tokyo-monorail.co.jp/english/guidance/index.html>

From NARITA AIRPORT (成田空港)

Limousine Bus ☆☆
Bus service to PALACE HOTEL TACHIKAWA (パレスホテル立川). Bus runs 3 times in the morning and 6 times in the afternoon. Pick up the bus at Bus Stops #11 or #2 located in Terminal 1; Bus Stops # 6 or #16 located in Terminal 2; or Bus Stop # 4 located in Terminal 3. From Tachikawa Station, take the JR Chuo line to Kunitachi in the direction of Tokyo, or take a taxi service (also available) to the campus. Time: Approximately 3 hours.
http://www.limousinebus.co.jp/en/platform_searches/index/2/102

KEISEI BUS (京成バス) ☆

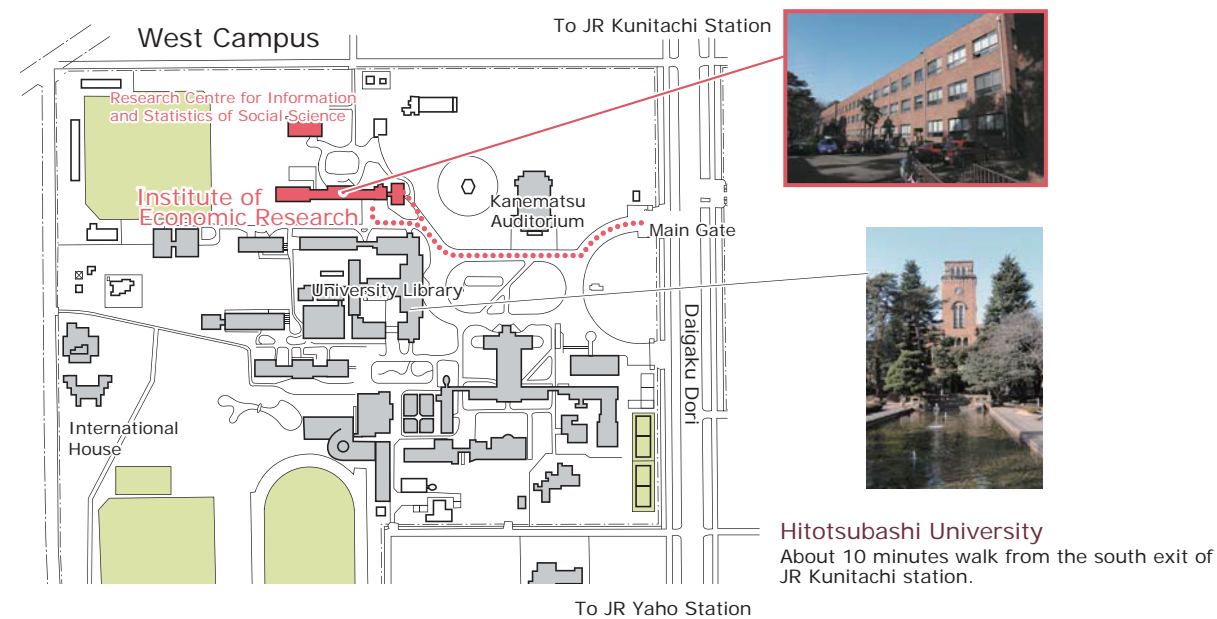
Bus service to TOKYO STATION YAESU GATE (東京駅八重洲口) runs 3 times per hour. From Shinjuku station, take the JR Chuo line to Kunitachi. Time: Approximately 2.5 hours (1.5 hours for the bus; 1 hour for the train).
<http://www.keiseibus.co.jp/en/kousoku/nrt16.html>

NARITA EXPRESS (成田エクスプレス) train ☆

Take the Narita Express train to Tokyo or Shinjuku station, and change to the JR Chuo line to Kunitachi. Time: Approximately 2 hours.
<http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/nex/>

☆☆We recommend this route as the best way to get to the campus.

Campus Map



Hitotsubashi University
About 10 minutes walk from the south exit of JR Kunitachi station.

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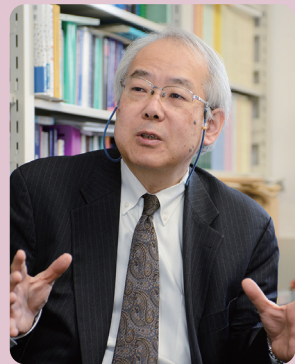


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From the Director



Director, Institute of Economic Research (IER)
Yukinobu KITAMURA

The Institute of Economic Research (IER) is an organization with a long tradition, established April 1, 1940 as the Research Institute of East Asia Economies (Toa Keizai Kenkyusho in Japanese) of the Tokyo University of Commerce and then reorganized as the Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University in 1949. Established with the objective of conducting "comprehensive research on the Japanese economy and the world economy," the IER has generated numerous outstanding research results through individual research and joint research led by IER staff members, earning the high regard of researchers, the research community, and universities and research institutions in Japan and around the world.

The IER defines its current mission as follows: "To play a leading role in Japan in the future through development of outstanding databases on economics and society as well as advanced theoretical and empirical analysis and policy research directly connected to these data, and to enhance its functions as a hub for joint research activities in this field in Japan and worldwide."

To carry out this mission, on April 1, 2015, the IER reorganized its research structure into the following five sections: the Research Division of Theories in Economics and Statistics, the Research Division of Economic Measurement and Statistics, the Research Division of Comparative and World Economics, the Research Division of Economic Institutions and Policy, and the Research Division of Frontier Sciences in Economics. It also operates four affiliated facilities, the Research Centre for Information and Statistics of Social Science, the Center for Economic Institutions, the Center for Intergenerational Studies, and the Research Center for Economic and Social Risks, with the cooperation of faculty in each research division and partner researchers in Japan and overseas.

Many large-scale projects currently underway that have been awarded Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research, indicate that the IER's activities combine empirical research based on solid statistical data with normative research based on economic theory and economic ethics, under an integrated research structure aiming for solutions to diverse economic issues.

This research structure is supported by a current staff of 69 faculty and researchers, 15 members of administrative staff, and 50 research support staff. The IER's energetic research activities are supported by its research support structure includes the Office

of Publications and Faculty Support Office provide support for publication of research results, the Large-Scale Data Archiving and Processing Section handles data entry and maintenance, support for analysis, Internet security, and other matters, and the Institute's archives and the Research Centre for Information and Statistics of Social Science perform library functions.

Next I would like to summarize the directions in which the IER should move in the future in this outstanding research environment.

First, we will advance the collection, publication, and use of various types of statistical data (including historical data, the collection and maintenance of which requires massive amounts of time and costs, secondary use of official statistics collected by the government, and big data such as high-frequency data and POS data using state-of-the-art information technologies), which serve as the foundations of empirical research. Through doing so, we will aim to become an international hub for advanced empirical and theoretical research in social science in the same league as experimental research in natural science. To do so, we will enhance our functions as a center for joint use and joint research, open not just in Japan but internationally as well, and actively promote international joint research. I also would like us to take on the challenges of developing new frontiers in economic research, activating the functions of the Research Division of Frontier Sciences in Economics.

Second, it goes without saying that the source of pride for IER faculty is found in their ability to carry out outstanding research and make contributions in the key research domains of the social science. However, at the same time it also is important to provide society with information it can use along with advice on system design and policy recommendations, and we are expected to play an active role in these areas as well.

To achieve these goals, it is important that the faculty, researchers, administrators, and research support staff in the IER work hard together as one while maintaining a high level of contribution to the public good as well as a high degree of originality in their respective research.

Joint Usage and Research Center "Center for Empirical Analysis on Japanese and Global Economy"

Organization of Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University

Research Divisions

Theories in Economics and Statistics

Theoretical Economics, Statistical and Econometrics Theories, Economic Systems, and Economic Philosophy and Ideas of Economic Thoughts.

Economic Measurement and Statistics

Applied Economics, Economic Statistics, Quantitative Economic History, and Research Center for Information and Statistics of Social Science.

Comparative and World Economics

Comparative Economics, Economic Development, and Regional Economics.

Economic Institutions and Policy

Economic Institutions, Law and Economics, Labor Economics, Money and Finance, and Public Economics.

Frontier Sciences in Economics

Research Frontier in Economics, Center for Economic Institutions, Center for Intergenerational Studies, and Research Center for Economic and Social Risks.

Affiliated Research Centers

● Research Theme ◆ Overview

Research Centre for Information and Statistics of Social Science

- Construction and maintenance of long-term economic statistics and promotion for academic use of the official statistics in Japan
- ◆ Aims to collect and organize information related to statistics of social science and provide it widely to academic researchers (established 1964)

Center for Economic Institutions

- Comparative institutional analysis of economic system in developing countries
- Institutions and economic development in low income developing countries in Asia and Africa
- The financial and corporate systems in East Asia
- ◆ Established to conduct systematic basic research on economic institutions, particularly those of Japan and Asian nations (established 2000)

Center for Intergenerational Studies

- Japanese study of aging and retirement (JSTAR)
- ◆ Aims to consider mainly intergenerational issues from an economic perspective (established 2007)

Research Center for Economic and Social Risks

- Examination of risk in the Japanese economy including risk in prices, financial systems, and public finance
- ◆ Set up as a base for empirical analysis of the various risks faced by Japan's economy, uses various types of anonymous data to lead the way to useful policy implications over the medium term (established 2014)

Russian Research Center

- Population dynamics in Russia: Micro-econometric approach
- Toward comparative transition economics: A meta-analysis of the 20-Year history of post-communist transition to a market economy
- ◆ Aims to further advance economic research on Russia through close networking with academic research organizations and researchers in Japan and overseas (established 2007)

Research Center for Normative Economics

- Normative examinations of positive analyses
- Positive analyses of normative issues (policies, laws and ethics)
- Normative (political or philosophical) analyses of normative Issues
- ◆ Aims to conduct historical, methodological, empirical, and philosophical study of normative economics (established 2014)

Major Joint Research Projects

Hitotsubashi Project on Real Estate, Financial Crisis, and Economic Dynamics (HIT-REFINED)

Aims to deliver a global standard of analysis through elucidating the mechanism by which volatility in the real-estate market constrains economic growth by causing financial crises (Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (S); FY 2013-2017)

International Collaboration for Formulating Trans-Positional Capability

Aims to integrate distributed knowledge through coordination with overseas institutions that possess outstanding theory and practice related to the capability approach (JSPS Program for Advancing Strategic International Networks to Accelerate the Circulation of Talented Researchers; FY 2014-2016)

Organization

