



Institute of Economic Research

➔ <http://www.ier.hit-u.ac.jp/English/>

The Institute of Economic Research (IER) was founded in 1940 as the Institute of Research on the East Asian Economy and was renamed the Institute of Economic Research in 1949.

Together with the research centers affiliated to it – the Research Centre for Information and Statistics of Social Science (RCISSS), the Center for Economic Institutions (CEI), and the Center for Intergenerational Studies (CIS), the Institute, through the five Research Sections listed below, conducts comprehensive research on the Japanese and global economies. Starting from May 2014, IER has established another affiliated research center called Research Center for Economic and Social Risks (RCESR), which promotes academic research collaboration among various research institutes at the governmental and private sector level on the risks that the Japanese economy is facing at this time.

Along with the individual research of the institute members, the IER is active in the development of collaborative research projects supported by large-scale research funding, such as the Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research. While these projects cover a wide variety of themes, they focus on empirical and theoretical analyses

as well as policy studies based on statistical data. Moreover, the IER considers its long-term gathering of statistical data, such as the 14-volume “Long-Term Economic Statistics Series” (published from 1960s to 1980s) and its successor, the projected 12-volume “Asian Historical Statistics Series” (being published since 1998), as intellectual assets for the entire economist community and some of the institute’s most important achievements.

Furthermore, since 2010, the IER has served as the Center for Empirical Analysis on Japanese and Global Economy, a project undertaken by the Joint Usage/Research Center of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. By collecting and compiling government microdata, the IER not only provides researchers (both within and outside of Japan) with access to a wide array of statistics but also contributes to the research community by encouraging collaborative projects that utilize such resources. In recent years, the number of collaborative research projects with researchers outside of Japan has rapidly increased, thus making the IER’s function as an international collaborative research hub even more important.

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 Centre for Information and Statistics of Social Science

The main roles of the Centre are to collect economic statistics and construct databases covering the period from the Meiji era onward, and to provide and analyze government survey microdata. The achievements of the Centre are highly regarded in the academic world.

Center for Economic Institutions

With comparative institutional analysis of economic systems as its main focus, the Center conducts basic research on economic institutions and long-term economic development in a way that combines both of these areas.

Center for Intergenerational Studies

The Center pursues comprehensive and systematic research - mainly from an economic standpoint - on intergenerational issues such as pensions, health care, and child care that have become pressing topics both in Japan and abroad. Further, by promoting world-class research through international collaboration in the public and private sectors, the Center aims to propose innovative policy solutions to deal with associated challenges.

Research Center for Economic and Social Risks

The Center conducts quantitative analysis on various kinds of economic and social risks in Japan. It also provides practical training for young researchers to further develop their empirical research skills at a high level, so that they can offer research or policy plans that allow for prompt and precise action in addressing a crisis that arises.

Libraries

University Library <http://www.lib.hit-u.ac.jp/en/>

The University Library has, over its 140-year history since the foundation of the Commercial Training School, accumulated a wide variety of social science publications, including about 1.99 million books, 17,100 periodicals, and over 60 rare collections.

The library also provides some 17,500 electronic journals and 9,900 electronic books and supports the University's education and research by hosting information literacy programs.

Through its website and exhibitions the Library aims to improve its services by strengthening its cooperation with other university libraries in actively disseminating information about library holdings, which are part of our intellectual and cultural heritage.

National Center for Overseas Periodicals (Humanities and Social Science areas)

As one of the nine National Centers for Overseas Periodicals, the Library systematically collects and categorizes foreign social science periodicals that are rare domestically, and has provided services to scholars in and outside Japan since 1985.

European Info (EUi)

As one of the 500 European Union (EU) information centers in the world and one of the 18 located in Japan, the Library houses the body of official publications and documents of the EU. The center has been open since 1991.

HERMES-IR (Hitotsubashi University Repository)

HERMES-IR is the University's institutional repository and aims to collect and widely disseminate various digital products of Hitotsubashi University such as research results, educational resources and special collections of the Library.

Center for Historical Social Science Literature

 <http://chssl.lib.hit-u.ac.jp/english/>

The Center collects and manages old and rare materials in Western languages and contributes to the advanced study of the social sciences. As shown below, a total of 76,168 volumes are held in the collections.

Collections of the Center for Historical Social Science Literature

Collection		Volume
Special collection of classics of Western social sciences published before 1850		18,068
Special collections	Otto von Gierke Library	10,800
	Carl Menger Library	19,100
	Soda Kiichiro Library	8,100
	Burt Franklin Collection	18,200
	Leon Bernstein and Boris Souvarine Collection	1,900
Total		76,168

Hitotsubashi Institute for Advanced Study

The Hitotsubashi Institute for Advanced Study (HIAS), founded in 2014 as a research organization directly under the President, aims to conduct cutting-edge research in the social sciences field by playing two main roles. The first role is functioning as a hub for international joint research by inviting researchers who are active on the frontier of their fields from outside Japan. The second

is planning Priority Area Research Projects as interdisciplinary efforts to address urgent issues faced by Japan and the world. At present, there are three ongoing projects at HIAS: Redesigning the Global Economic System, Advancing Research in Health Economics and Advancing Research in Management Innovation.

Hitotsubashi Committee for Research Planning and Promotion

The Hitotsubashi Committee for Research Planning and Promotion was established in March 2011 in order for Hitotsubashi University to further improve its research content, advance transdisciplinary approaches, and contribute to the dissemination of research findings as a world-class university specializing in the social sciences by providing research support

across faculties. The Research Center for East Asia Policy was established under the Committee in April 2012 for comprehensive research on the East Asia region, and began pursuing its current research projects "Joint Research Project on Financial and Currency Problems in Asia and Joint Research Project on the Reception and Creation of Law in East Asia."

Research and Service Centers

Research and Development Center for Higher Education (RDCHE)	Mission	To support continuous improvement of education and instructional activities through research and development in higher education, and to provide assistance to teaching activities		
	Activities	Development of education support system, instructional methods, and faculty training		
		Accumulation and assessment of education data on student learning, instructional activities and higher education systems Support and development of the University's common curricula (General and Liberal Arts Education)		
Projects	Instructional Capacity Development Project			
	General Education Common Curricula Development Project			
Center for Information and Communication Technology	Mission	To administer information systems and computer networks, to support education and research, to develop digital media, and to use information technology to contribute to education, research, and administrative processing		
	Education, Research, and Digital Media Development section	<Computer Education and Research Project> To administer the Information Processing and Education System (180 terminals, printers, etc.) and PC rooms in the Computer Education building and to support the users		
		<Digital Media Development Project> To administer AV classrooms		
	Infrastructure section	To administer the LAN (Mercury), the wireless network (1284Wireless) and related infrastructure		
Office IT Promotion section	To plan and promote efficient and secure IT systems for the administrative offices			
	To administer the groupware (HWP) for research and administrative staff, and the e-mail and file sharing systems for the administrative staff			
Center for Global Education	Mission	To provide courses in Japanese language, society and culture for international students on campus, as well as support and guidance for all students considering studying abroad, thus contributing to the internationalization of the University		
	Japanese language education section	Language courses (open to all international students)		
		Language courses (for faculty-based international students)		
		Language courses (for international research students)		
	International Student and Study Abroad Advising Office	Advice and counselling for international students on studying and living in Japan		
Orientation and support to increase awareness of living in a foreign culture and help international students adapt to life in Japan Management of overseas study abroad consulting and short-term study abroad program for Japanese and international students				
International exchange subject section	Advice on planning and managing Hitotsubashi University Global Education Program (HGP)			
Center for International Joint Research	Mission	To contribute to the creation and development of international academic research and the advancement of education and research at Hitotsubashi University through joint research in cooperation with various University organizations		
	Projects	Creating the A-bomb Experiences Archives based on the Social Survey Database as a Heritage to Humanity (Graduate School of Social Sciences) Research Centre for Information and Statistics of Social Science, Micro Data Analysis Laboratory (Institute of Economic Research project)		
Mori Arinori Center for Higher Education and Global Mobility	Mission	To promote research on higher education and global mobility To develop and support policies, plans and actions that facilitate high-quality inter-institutional and cross-regional mobility for the global higher education community		
		Research and development on higher education and global mobility		
	Activities	The provision of support and practice for the promotion of mobility and the development of the PDCA cycle to ensure the outcome of high quality mobility		
		Cooperation and collaboration in research and education with domestic and global mobility partners The dissemination of the results of the above research, development, practice, and collaboration		
Health Center	Mission	The Center provides professional healthcare services and promotes and maintains the health of students and staff at the University		
	Total consultations in FY2016	Students	3,089	
		Staff	668	
		Others (guardians, etc.)	185	
Total	3,942			
Student Support Center	Mission	To enhance student support activities from a University-wide perspective by providing guidance and job-search support to all students and offering assistance to students with disabilities		
	Student Advising and Counseling Office			
	Principal activities	Counseling students for issues related to interpersonal relationships and academic performance, and offering coordination with other centers and departments on campus		
	Total consultations in FY2016	1,690		
	Career Support Office			
	Principal activities	Provision of detailed career advice throughout the four undergraduate years, including career education programs that can be taken from the freshman year and feature workplace skills. Offering of individual consultations with career advisors and provision of on-campus information sessions showcasing about 300 companies, as part of our job-search support and career counseling work		
	Total consultations in FY2016	2,166		
	Principal publications	Employment handbook	Employment handbook (Graduate School Division)	
		Reports on job-hunting experiences	Reports on job-hunting experiences for undergraduate and graduate students	
		Internship reports	Reports on job-hunting experiences for undergraduate and graduate students	
Office for Students with Disabilities				
Principal activities	Providing consultation for students with disabilities regarding study-related issues arising due to their disability and offering appropriate arrangements in collaboration with all related parties both on and off campus			