

Thesis Guidance in Graduate School of Economics (Master and Doctorate)

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Fields of Expertise

- I specialize in *organizational economics, contract theory, industrial organization and economic analysis of politics* (see also my website¹). Basically, I will supervise graduate students interested in *theoretical analysis using formal models* (e.g. game theory, microeconomics, etc.).
- Students interested in empirical research on the topics above are recommended to ask another faculty specializing in empirical analysis as their supervisor, though informal consultation and guidance are welcome.

Prerequisites for Master Students

- In the first year of the master programme, the appropriate requirements of the economics course (microeconomics, macroeconomics, and econometrics) should be fulfilled. I recommend taking the corresponding course in Graduate School of Economics instead of Graduate School of Public Policy, whether or not you wish to be enrolled in the doctoral programme. (If I am faced with many students requesting supervision, I will accept those who have taken courses at Graduate School of Economics.)
- Please contact me by e-mail to make an appointment during the guidance period (usually December for students entering in April, and July for students entering in October).

Supervision (for Master and Doctoral Students)

- I do not give you a research theme for your master's thesis at all. Please make sure to *find your theme by yourself*. My role is to help you shape and polish your research theme.
- In principle, the thesis guidance will be given on average once a month through individual meetings. If there is more than one student, joint meetings may be held.
- We make contact regularly by email. *Please keep checking your email.*

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- Please let me know when you decide on university-related work (TA, RA, part-time lecturer, etc.) or your next placement (employment, further study, etc.).
- Please let me know If you are considering a presentation in a conference or submitting to a refereed journal.
- Consultation and guidance with other faculty members (including at other universities) are strongly recommended. Feel free to ask me if you wish to change your supervisor from me.

Supervision (for Doctoral Students)

- If you wish to enter a doctoral programme under my supervision, you must come to me for a consultation at least six months in advance (around October of the previous year for those planning to enter in April, and April for those planning to enter in October).
- Attend Microeconomics Workshop held by Graduate School of Economics regularly. Participation in other research workshops/seminars may also be requested. If you are interested, you are also encouraged to attend other research workshops (including those in other universities).

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