

# 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 website<sup>1</sup>). 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 (Postscript 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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