

Faculty Members and Contact Information

**A letter of consent* must be obtained from a prospective academic advisor.
Note that faculty members not included on this list are not eligible to serve as academic advisors.**

Convert the obtained letter of consent to a PDF and upload it to [File Upload 3] on the online application website.

* A letter of consent is not required for those applying for special admission under the Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS).

- Abbreviations for Department names are as follows:
 - ◇ DEDP: Department of Economic Development and Policies
 - ◇ DICPS: Department of International Cooperation Policy Studies
 - ◇ DRCPS: Department of Regional Cooperation Policy Studies

- Abbreviations under each name are the degrees students can apply for under the supervision of that person.
 - ◇ E: Master of Economics, Doctor of Philosophy in Economics
 - ◇ IS: Master of International Studies, Doctor of Philosophy
 - ◇ L: Master of Laws, Doctor of Laws
 - ◇ PS: Master of Political Science, Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science

- Faculty members whose names are followed by an asterisk (*) have their primary appointment in other faculties of Kobe University, and may only accept a limited number of students.

International Studies Program

Data (As of April 2026)

Name	Position	Department	Research Fields	Email Addresses
NISHITANI Makiko PS, IS	Professor	DICPS	International Relations, Global Governance, International Norms	nisitani [at] kobe-u.ac.jp
OUCHI Yuya PS, IS	Associate Professor	DICPS	International Relations, International Human Rights	ouchi [at] people.kobe-u.ac.jp
AKAHOSHI Sho PS, IS	Associate Professor	DICPS	International Institutions, Global Governance, Forced Migration Studies, Human rights and Humanitarianism	sakahoshi [at] harbor.kobe-u.ac.jp
OGAWA Keiichi E, IS	Professor	DRCPS	Economics of Education, Education Finance, Education Policy and Planning	ogawa35 [at] kobe-u.ac.jp
SAKURAI Aiko E, IS	Professor	DRCPS	Soft Countermeasures of Disaster Risk Reduction, Disaster Education, Disaster Risk Communication	sakuraia [at] people.kobe-u.ac.jp
SAKAUE Katsuki E, IS	Associate Professor	DRCPS	International Educational Development, Economics of Education, Evaluation of Education Policy	k.sakaue [at] port.kobe-u.ac.jp

Please replace the “[at]” with “@” when sending e-mails to the addresses.

Development and Economics Program

Name	Position	Department	Research Fields	Email Addresses
TAKAHASHI Shingo E, IS	Professor	DEDP	Labor Economics, Personnel Economics, Applied Econometrics	shingotakahashi [at] people.kobe-u.ac.jp
OKAJIMA Shigeharu E, IS	Associate Professor	DEDP	Applied Econometrics, Environmental Economics, Behavioral Economics, Labor Economics, Health Economics, Industrial Organization	okajima [at] port.kobe-u.ac.jp
UCHIDA Yuichiro E, IS	Professor	DEDP	Development Economics, Economic Development in East Asia, Applied Economics/Econometrics	yuichiro.uchida [at] port.kobe-u.ac.jp
KODAMA Masahiro E, IS	Professor	DEDP	Development Macroeconomics, Structural Transformation	kodama [at] harbor.kobe-u.ac.jp
KAWABATA Koji E, IS	Associate Professor	DEDP	Applied Econometrics, Economic Development, Industrialization	kawabat [at] kobe-u.ac.jp
INOUE Takeshi E, IS	Associate Professor	DEDP	Development Finance, Financial Inclusion, Remittances	takeinoue1 [at] people.kobe-u.ac.jp
KITANO Shigeto * E, IS	Professor	DEDP	International Macroeconomics	Please direct any correspondence for Prof. Kitano to the Academic Affairs Office at: gsics-kyomu[at]office.kobe-u.ac.jp
HAMAGUCHI Nobuaki * E, IS	Professor	DEDP	Latin American Economy, Regional and Spatial Economics	hamaguchi [at] rieb.kobe-u.ac.jp
SATO Takahiro * E, IS	Professor	DEDP	Indian Economy	Please direct any correspondence for Prof. Sato to the Academic Affairs Office at: gsics-kyomu[at]office.kobe-u.ac.jp
MURAKAMI Yoshimichi* E, IS	Professor	DEDP	Latin American Economy, Development Economics, Empirical Analysis on International Trade	y-murakami[at]rieb.kobe-u.ac.jp

Please replace the “[at]” with “@” when sending e-mails to the addresses

International Law /Law and Development Program

Name	Position	Department	Research Fields	Email Addresses
SHIBATA Akiho L, IS	Professor	DICPS	International Law	akihos [at] kobe-u.ac.jp
HAYASHI Mika L, IS	Professor	DICPS	International Law	nmika [at] kobe-u.ac.jp
ABE Kie L, IS	Associate Professor	DICPS	International Law	k_abe[at]port.kobe-u.ac.jp
KANEKO Yuka L, IS	Professor	DRCPS	Law and Development, Comparative Law in Asia, Law in Disasters	ykaneko [at] kobe-u.ac.jp
SAITO Yoshihisa L, IS	Associate Professor	DRCPS	Social Law in Asia and Transition Economies	saito_oshimi [at] people.kobe-u.ac.jp

Please replace the “[at]” with “@” when sending e-mails to the addresses

Political Science and Area Studies Program

Name	Position	Department	Research Fields	Email Addresses
MATSUNAMI Jun PS, IS	Professor	DICPS	Comparative Study of Deregulation, Privatization and Local Governments	matsunam [at] kobe-u.ac.jp
KIMURA Kan PS, IS	Professor	DICPS	Korean Nationalism and Historical Disputes in Northeast Asia	kan_kimura [at] diamomd.kobe-u.ac.jp
KAWAMURA Yusuke PS, IS	Associate Professor	DICPS	Politics in the Middle East and North Africa, Social Policy in Authoritarian Countries	yusuke.kawamura[at]boar.kobe-u.ac.jp

Please replace the “[at]” with “@” when sending e-mails to the addresses