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OKAYAMA

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Under the U.N.-stipulated Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), countries, regions and people all over the world are being called upon to erect a sustainable society by the year 2030. I administer my classes based on the theme of environmental policy with a particular focus on recycling society and low-carbon society policy. These, too, are deeply connected with the achievement of SDGs.

In the Department of Regional Development, through classes and local self-learning, you can study how a sustainable regional society will proceed to be formed on a theoretical, experiential and practical level. We eagerly await the local talent of the future!

Specialization

Waste management, recycling society policy, renewable energy

Brief explanation regarding specialization

I conduct investigative research on environmental policy for reducing the burden exerted on the environment as much as possible. A recycling society is one where the “3Rs”—Reduce, as in reduce the generation of waste; Reuse and Recycle—are being achieved. Additionally, the act of utilizing reusable energy to the fullest extent links to global warming countermeasures and contributes to the formation of a low-carbon society. I conduct my research based on concrete case studies that include how social consensus should be obtained; how public administration should devise policy, formulate plans and proceed to implement them; and what kind of expertise will be required in attempting to realize a society such as that mentioned above.



Shinji
FUKUSHIMA

福島 真司
フクシマ シンジ

I seek to develop human resources that truly revitalize regions. While there is no shortage of universities that develop leaders of corporations and other organizations, I feel that education for developing true regional leaders has yet to exist. Regions are congregations of consumers, but are unlike organizations in that there is no advancement, demotion, or even titles. More so than knowledge or expertise, the thing that is first required in regions is trust. Let us slowly and methodically spend time on mutually refining a sense of humanity that is trusted in regions. A happy future for regions will undoubtedly await us as a result.

Specialization

Marketing for non-profit organizations

Brief explanation regarding specialization

Among non-profit corporations, I particularly engage in the research and implementation of the management of educational facilities mainly from a marketing standpoint. Through analyzing, visualizing and sharing management accounting data from each organization, I aim to realize management styles that emphasize experience, the motivation of organizations and data analysis that also prioritizes qualitative information, while focusing on IR as a function for invigorating cross-organizational discussion and bringing forth collective knowledge for problem-solving.



**Takeshi
SHIRADO**

白土 健
シラド タケシ

When it consists solely of trying to remember what you heard from others, studying is not only uninteresting, but it is also hard to remember what you learned. In order to study in a manner that benefits you and allows you to really retain what you' ve learned, it is critical that after you' ve learned something, you ask questions, understand the ideas that others are trying to convey to you, and individually form your own conclusions on whether or not what you' ve learned is congruent with our modern environment.

Specialization

Consumer business pertaining to children

Brief explanation regarding specialization

I analyze various situations with respect to consumer behavior pertaining to children and research factors behind and methods for coping with those situations.



**Taro
URASAKI**

浦崎 太郎
ウラサキ タロウ

What separates the Department of Regional Development from other Departments at Taisho University is the joint efforts to design regional practical training between economics and management studies specialists and veteran businesspeople who have driven forward urban development and human resource development on the frontlines. To ensure that optimal solutions can be created alongside local residents even on demanding worksites, we conduct a repeated process of wide-ranging studies and rich practical training, deepen practical science that links theory and implementation, and develop capacity for action.

Specialization

Regional cooperation/education

Brief explanation regarding specialization

I engage in investigative research from multilateral viewpoints on human resource development models based on cooperation between high schools, universities and regional communities as well as model-building for implementation in society.



**Nobuko
MAEDA**

前田 長子
マエダ ノブコ

"Boys, be ambitious." These are William S. Clark's words. In actuality, however, he followed this quote of his with the words "Be ambitious not for money or for selfish aggrandizement, not for that evanescent thing which men call fame. Be ambitious for that attainment of all that a man ought to be." You only have one life to live, so have big goals and dreams. Together, let's take one practical step at a time towards realizing those goals and dreams.

Specialization

First-year education (generic skills)

Brief explanation regarding specialization

My aim is to broaden the possibilities of first-year education from the dual aspects of "education quality" and "learning assistance for students" and further evolve upon those possibilities in order to develop human resources capable of making successful contributions in various fields of society.



**Hiroaki
NISHIYAMA**

西山 巨章
ニシヤマ ヒロアキ

University classes are fundamentally different from those up to high school. Knowledge is neither something that rains down from the heavens nor something that is imparted to you by others. How you cultivate your "ability to think" will prove to be an intangible asset of yours in your life to come. Together, let's refine ourselves in an enjoyable and positive manner.

Specialization

Regional finance, public finance, regional revitalization

Brief explanation regarding specialization

In addition to performing inspection and audit duties on financial agencies and budget preparation duties while in service at the Ministry of Finance of Japan, I was dispatched from the Cabinet Office to Mihama Town Hall in Wakayama Prefecture to engage in regional revitalization activities. Based on this experience of mine, I research the connection between finance and regional revitalization. In particular, I conduct research activities for demonstrating the promotion of regional revitalization by "social capital finance," a fusion of finance and social capital.



Your four years at this university may feel long but are actually very short. Spend it taking on the challenge of various things without fear of failure.

Specialization

Theoretical economics, economic policy theory, regional currencies

Brief explanation regarding specialization

I research the long-term effects of economic policy.

**Hitoshi
UTSUNOMIYA**

宇都宮 仁
ウツノミヤ ヒトシ



University life carries significant meaning in that it is a runup period for starting one's activities as a working member of society. Acquiring knowledge and accumulating experience gradually links to considerably broader possibilities in one's life. Let's build on your ability to tackle challenges of your own accord together.

Specialization

Management organizations, organizational behavior, human resource management, careers

Brief explanation regarding specialization

I research the relationship between individuals and organizations at corporations. This involves investigating and analyzing the meaning of working individuals taking action with an active perception on their work and career. I engage in my research with an interest in new work styles in this era where people live for one hundred years.

**Shigeko
ŌHASHI**

大橋 重子
オオハシ シゲコ



Yoji
KANEKO

金子 洋二
カネコ ヨウジ

The essence of management is said to lie in non-profit organizations. In the coming era, where social issues will take on increasing seriousness, it is likely that management methods based on a non-profit organization model will gather more and more attention. Non-profit management, in which the building of empathy for “sentiment” towards society (regions) forms the key, contains numerous hints for living in modern-day society. Let’s refine ourselves together as students of regional development.

Specialization

Non-profit organization theory, social entrepreneurship theory, community design

Brief explanation regarding specialization

I research management at non-profit organization while actually having involvement in the establishment and operation of a large number of NPOs, public-service corporations and other entities. Additionally, through assistance with entrepreneurship for urban development purposes, the formulation of plans for individual local government bodies and regions and associated human resource development efforts, I have built up practical know-how that positively serves the frontlines of urban development, and am endeavoring to give back to society.



Shinya
DEGAWA

出川 真也
デガワ シンヤ

Anyone, regardless of who they are, has the potential to determine their own fate on their own. Drawing out that potential to promote mutual learning serves to nurture people and regions. Place yourself in a variety of fields to bring forth emotions in people and regions.

Specialization

Collaborative education for community capacity-building (social education and lifelong learning theory)

Brief explanation regarding specialization

In my aim to realize “collaborative education for community capacity-building,” I research social education and lifelong learning activities for regional development targeting a wide range of age groups, from children to the elderly. My primary research themes include the rediscovery of regional value, the expansion of locally-rooted learning, the transformation of living and working with the use of learning results, the creation of new regular vocations, and development measures for community leader and coordinator talent. With a view to collaboration and cooperation with cities, I tackle issues in the field of agricultural, forestry and fishery villages from the dual angles of research and practical implementation. With this area being one that concerns the development of human resources and communities that support regional revitalization, associated industry, government, academic and private activities in a variety of sectors are greatly anticipated. I also conduct education assessment research founded on data that underpins the aforementioned research and practical implementation. For details, please see the website of my office, the “Laboratory of Collaborative Education for Community Capacity-Building,” at: <https://degawaken.com/>



Seeing a large number of quality movies while you are a student will broaden your world. I currently recommend "Norma Rae" and "Pride."

Specialization

Philosophy

Brief explanation regarding specialization

My discipline of specialty involves examining politics from a philosophical angle.

Wakagi TAKAHASHI

高橋 若木
タカハシ ワカギ



In your university life, your sphere of activities and association with others will proceed to expand quite rapidly. Moreover, your current university has various opportunities for you to get to know people in your age group from overseas, such as study-abroad and international exchange events, at the ready. Do not be afraid to take advantage of these activities to become acquainted with as many people as possible, exchange opinions with them and, in doing so, conditioning yourself to become a person who is capable of approaching things with various perspectives and broad horizons.

Specialization

Marketing, museum management, community relations

Brief explanation regarding specialization

My research covers the activities of corporations that are able to simultaneously make progress in product publicity/corporate image enhancement and regional community development. Using case studies of corporations operating museums as clues, I engage in surveys and research activities for clarifying how relationship-building between corporations and regional society, the promotion and branding of regional society and corporate branding proceed. I also engage in surveys and research activities for clarifying how corporations, through shop management, can contribute to the revitalization of regions where they develop those shops or purchase products from.

Naoya TAKAYANAGI

高柳 直弥
タカヤナギ ナオヤ



Junki
NAKAKITAURA

仲北浦 淳基
ナカキタウラ ジュンキ

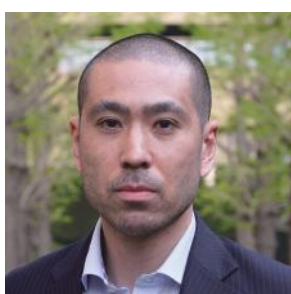
Answering the question of “What is economics?” is an extremely difficult one. However, if economics can be considered “the study of human activity,” then surely, we can view it as the study of our lifestyles themselves. In other words, all aspects pertaining to our lifestyles are potential topics of “economics.” While the four-year period that you spend at this university is extremely short, try your best to use it to identify what “economics” means to you through lectures and exercises. I am confident that experience will both be of benefit to your future and go on to shape the Japan of tomorrow.

Specialization

History of economic doctrine, history of economic thought

Brief explanation regarding specialization

I research economic theories by economist Sir Dennis Robertson, who drove forward economics in the first half of the 20th century, in order to clarify the way in which “economics” developed to reach the form that it exists in today.



Shogo
NISHIBAYASHI

西林 勝吾
ニシバヤシ ショウゴ

I hope that I can share the fun of learning with you.

Specialization

Environmental economics, history of economics

Brief explanation regarding specialization

I specialize in the history of environmental economics as a domain that straddles environmental economics and the history of economics. Examining the ideal form of the environment and the economy based on the knowledge of economics that I have accumulated up to this point is a significant goal of mine. In addition to literature studies, I also perform fieldwork studies centered on water resource management and energy issues.



**Katsuhiko
YONEZAKI**

米崎 克彦
ヨネザキ カツヒコ

The four years that you spend in undergrad will be a time of your life unlike any up this point during which various worlds proceed to expand all at once. I would like you to use that time to take on the challenge of everything and anything. Additionally, please refine yourselves through your daily learning process. My hope is that as you do so, we can jointly study economic thinking as a form of methodology for understanding society.

Specialization

Game theory, international trade, traffic economics

Brief explanation regarding specialization

I principally conduct mathematical model analysis for decision making in situations where relationships of mutual dependence are present. I also apply those models to a variety of economic, social and political situations to study areas such as the kind of mechanisms that lie behind progress in things.