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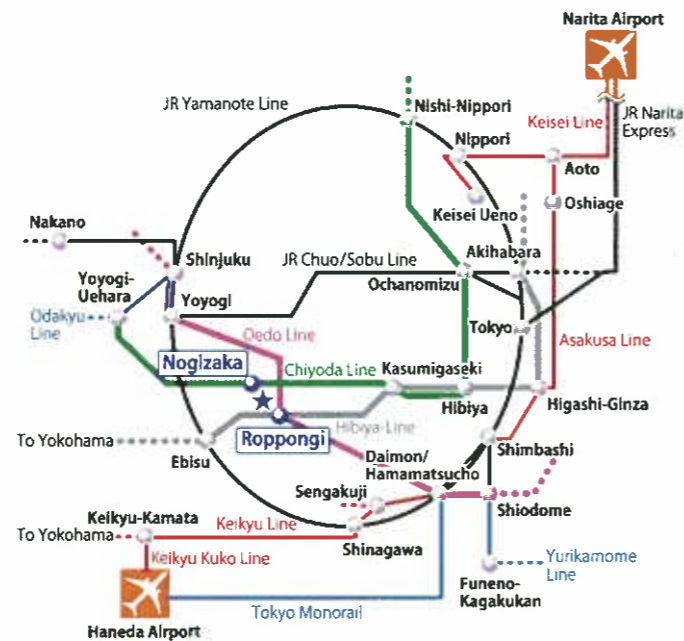
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Program Overview

This program fosters professionals who will be able to take leadership roles in planning and analyzing policies toward state building and economic development based on the knowledge and analytical skills of political science and economics.

The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) aims to cultivate public policy leaders and professionals who will play key roles in democratic governance.

The State Building and Economic Development (SBED) Program is an interdisciplinary program designed for students who have a master's degree in an area of social science and are interested in interactions between politics and the economy in developing countries and emerging economies. The program aims to develop talented individuals who are capable of research and policy formulation requiring advanced knowledge of both political science and economics and who will play key roles in democratic governance internationally.

GRIPS implemented the Global COE Program entitled "The Transferability of East Asian Development Strategies and State Building" from 2008 to 2012, in which political scientists and economists promoted joint studies and fostered young researchers and technocrats who would design policies based on the knowledge gained from the results of the advanced studies. The Ph.D. program represents one of the achievements of the Global COE Program and is designed to continue and expand upon the human resource development initiated by the Global COE Program.

During the first year of this program, students take courses in political science, economics and history intensively to acquire advanced knowledge and analytical skills at the Ph.D. level of proficiency. From the second year, students concentrate on field work, archival research, analysis, and writing to earn a degree in three years. All courses in the program are offered in English. The dissertation, also to be written in English, must be relevant to state building and economic development, demonstrate a capacity for making original and significant contributions to the existing knowledge base, and deal with a policy issue or have a policy implication. Students who fulfill the requirements will be conferred a Ph.D. in International Development Studies. To help students acquire a good sense of what is actually happening on the ground in developing countries and emerging economies, each advisory committee, comprising faculty members with a wealth of relevant experience in the field, will encourage and assist students to conduct field work of their own. The committee not only guides students in the research process of planning, data collection, analysis, and writing but also helps them to publish journal articles and books.

Degree	Ph.D. in International Development Studies
Eligibility Criterion	M.A. in an area of Social Science
Language of Instruction	English
Language of Thesis	English
Standard Duration of Study	3 years (Enrollment in October)

Curriculum (2017)

Category	Course Name
I Development Economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theoretical Foundation of Economic Policy Advanced Development Economics Applied Econometrics Strategy for Economic Development (Advanced) Mathematics for Economic Analysis (Advanced) Introduction to Applied Econometrics (Advanced)
II History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced Global Economic History Comparative State Formation (Advanced)
III Politics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Relations in East Asia (Advanced) Advanced Political Economy of Modern Japan Advanced Comparative Political Economy Institutions in Policymaking State and Politics in Southeast Asia (Advanced) State and Politics in Africa (Advanced)
IV General Subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Courses not listed in this table, admitted by the advisory committee
V Courses to be taken after passing qualifying exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Building and Economic Development Seminar Tutorial (I-V)

Students

The State Building and Economic Development (SBED) Program has thirteen students of diverse academic and professional backgrounds. The student body is exceptionally international. As of July 2017, the students come from Cameroon, Ethiopia, Germany, Ghana, Japan, The Philippines, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda and Vietnam.



Aiko Kikkawa (Japan)

I chose the SBED Program because of GRIPS's impressive line-up of scholars who specialized in development economics and worked on real-world issues and challenges. I aimed to equip myself with knowledge, skills and quantitative methods for evaluating the impact of development policies. The SBED program gave me exactly what I wanted and more, offering interesting courses and seminars. My research work received very attentive mentoring by my academic advisors.



Edwin Paul Mhede (Tanzania)

SBED is ideal for studying interactions among economics, history and politics, and their influence on development policy-making. I enjoyed taking carefully designed and rigorous courses taught by distinguished professors using case studies of development issues, econometrics and politics. When I took the Qualifying Examination, I appreciated the effectiveness of interdisciplinary study. SBED provides opportunities for learning from my peers of different cultural and professional backgrounds. My SBED course will serve me well in my career as a development policy analyst.



Benjamin Bansal (Germany)

There is hardly a better place than Japan to study the role of the state in economic development. SBED's interdisciplinary approach gives me the intellectual freedom to pursue studies at the intersection of economics, politics and history. This allows me to look at the historical experiences of Japan and other countries with fresh eyes. Hopefully this will lead me to innovative solutions to problems of contemporary development.



Faculty

SBED faculty members specialize in development economics and political science applied to developing and emerging countries. They have internationally respected academic achievements and rich experience in supervising PhD students. SBED faculty strength is complemented by a number of established adjunct faculty members who bring diverse teaching experiences to lectures and supervision. In the past decade, 52 students from 18 countries studied under SBED faculty supervision. These graduates are actively involved in policy-making and policy analysis in governmental institutions, universities, private research institutes, and international organizations.

Name	Title	Specialty
KHOO Boo Teik	Professor, SBED Director	Politics (Malaysia and Southeast Asia), Leadership and Development
TSUNEKAWA Keiichi	Senior Professor	Comparative Politics, International Political Economy
ESTUDILLO Jonna	Professor	Development Economics (Poverty, Economic Mobility, Gender, Nonfarm Economy)
SONOBE Tetsushi	Professor	Development Economics (Industrial Development, Poverty Reduction)
OTSUKA Keijiro	Professor Emeritus, Adjunct Professor	Development Economics (Agriculture and Industry, Education, Poverty Reduction)
SHIRAIISHI Takashi	Professor Emeritus, Adjunct Professor	Area Studies, International Relations, Politics
SUGIHARA Kaoru	Adjunct Professor	Economic History (Asian Economic History, Global History)
TAKEUCHI Shinichi	Adjunct Professor	African Studies, International Relations
CHEN Stacey	Associate Professor	Labor, Education and Health Economics, Applied Econometrics
KANCHOOCHAT Veerayooth	Associate Professor	Politics (Thailand, East Asian Development), Institutional Economics, Industrial Policy
KIJIMA Yoko	Associate Professor	Development Economics, Micro Empirical Analyses in Developing Countries
LITSCHIG Stephan	Associate Professor	Development, Public and Political Economics, Microeconometrics
MATSUMOTO Tomoya	Adjunct Associate Professor	Development Economics, Applied Econometrics, Household Survey Analysis
ONIMARU Takeshi	Adjunct Associate Professor	History of International Relations in Asia, Comparative Area Studies
KAWANO Motoko	Assistant Professor	Comparative Development, Resource-Based Industrialization and Local Politics of Southeast Asia
SURYOMENGGOLO Jafar	Assistant Professor	Area Studies (Southeast Asia), Political History, Law and Development
TAKAGI Yusuke	Assistant Professor	Area Studies (The Philippines and Southeast Asia), Political Science
YAMAUCHI Chikako	Assistant Professor	Applied Microeconomics, Development Economics, Labor Economics