

Economic History of Modern Japan

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1. Area of expertise, research area, or current themes in his/her research

- (1) Research area: the investment activities of wealthy merchants and landlords, which allowed Japan to make remarkable economic growth in the early stage of its industrialization.
- (2) Research on the foundation for development of indigenous industries in modern and contemporary Japan. In particular, joint research is conducted focusing on breweries, examining how the wealthy landlords who owned indigenous industry were at the same time investing by coordinating family property and indigenous business property.

2. Supervision Policy

Students can choose multilateral research themes from topics such as capital markets, financial systems, introduction and development of technology, labor markets, industrial policies, and corporate organization. Concrete guided research begins with a sorting out of research history related to the student's own theme and identifying missing points and viewpoints in need of development. Then students examine available data and derive a concrete approach from them.

3. Advice to prospective students

Students should work to construct concrete and explicit arguments that anybody can understand, and to avoid clouding their arguments with abstractions, even when the issues are difficult.