

# European Economic History

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

- (1) Economic History of France: Financial analysis of the popular savings institutions in France, namely Caisses d'Epargne Ordinaires founded by city authorities and Caisse Nationale d'Epargne which constituted a postal savings system, as well as Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations in charge of investment of the funds collected by the former institutions. Investigating these institutions from historical point of view, the result of which has been published as *The Public Finances and Popular Savings in France* (University of Tokyo Press, 1999).
- (2) International Financial Institutions: Historical study on the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), mainly focusing on the central bank cooperation, the BIS's response to the system change of international finances, organizational experiences of the BIS and the economic thoughts which influenced the BIS. *The Financial History of the Bank for International Settlements* (Routledge, 2013) is an output of the research. Along with above study, involved in JSPS project research on historical study of the IMF and the World Bank.
- (3) International Banking History: Archival study on the Russo-Chinese Bank, founded in 1896 and reorganized into the Russo-Asiatic Bank in 1910. The research on this French funded- Russian based bank would lead to a general view on financial system and global economy of the period, as well as the historical structure of the Far Eastern regional economy including China and Japan. The organizational feature of the Bank would also be focused.

## 2. Supervision Policy

Aim to understand broad range of historical approaches and methodology concerning the European economy, to begin with economic history but also business history, financial history and social history.

## 3. Advice to prospective students

Students are requested to follow the up-to-date trend of economic history and also to find and study the archival sources regarding the research project. The subject of study covers European economic history and also global/regional historical studies on Americas and Asia.