

Exciting doctoral international legal studies with MEXT scholarship at the Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies (GSICS)



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Polar Cooperation Research Centre (PCRC)
Kobe University

Doctoral Program in English (course work & thesis)

http://www.gsics.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/programs/doctor_course.html

Start on October 1st every year

Research oriented (a few required credits), 3-year program

Non-mandatory “Internship” and “Advanced Overseas Research” encouraged

Degrees offered: LL.D or Ph.D. (in case of Prof. Shibata as supervising professor)



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Distinctive Features

Diversity of international students: Many from ASEAN, African, European Countries (exchange program with University of Grenoble-Alps, France).

Interdisciplinary research environment: comparative legal studies on Asian countries; Japanese political science studies; developmental studies; public health studies; etc

Doctoral Course Application (Oct. enrollment) :

Procedures and required documents: <http://www.gsics.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/prospective/index.html#doctor>

With draft research proposal (2000 words maximum) and Master’s thesis (or its draft), please approach prospective supervising professor **around November of the previous year**. Application deadlines are set in mid-January, with entrance examination (interviews) in February.

Doctoral studies at Kobe, connected with the global academic communities, through research activities at Polar Cooperation Research Centre (PCRC)

Polar Cooperation Research Center (PCRC)

<https://www.research.kobe-u.ac.jp/gsics-pcrc/index.html>

- Members and visiting scholars from around the world.
- Exciting academic workshops and seminars around the year.
- Hosting most important academic conferences on polar legal studies.

2021 SCAR SC-HASS Biennial Conference

<https://www.2021scarschass.org/>

14th Polar Law Symposium 2021

<https://www.2021polarlawsymposium.org/>

- Active engagement of early-career scholars, both from Japan and the world (JSPS post doctoral fellows, etc)
- Policy relevant legal studies with strong connections with Japanese relevant ministries (MOFA, MEXT, MOE, etc)



ArCS II国際法制度課題公開勉強会/
第19回 PCRC国際法セミナー
先住民から見た人間と自然の関係：
イヌイトとアイヌの文化から得られる国際環境法への示唆
*Indigenous views on human-nature-relationships:
Inspiration from Inuit and Japanese Ainu cultures for
international environmental law*

スピーカー：キース・バステマイヤー教授
Speaker: Prof. Kees Bastmeijer
神戸大学大学院 国際協力研究科客員教授
/オランダ・ティルブルグ大学教授

2021年 12月 7日 (火) 15:10 - 16:40

開催形式：オンライン (ZOOM)
参加希望：以下のアドレスから12月3日までにお申し込み下さい
pcrc-kobe [at] bear.kobe-u.ac.jp
本セミナーは英語で実施されます。

キース・バステマイヤー オランダ・ティルブルグ大学法学研究科教授
専門は国際法・国際環境法。自然環境保全、
Wildernessに関する国際法及びEU法研究の世界
的な第一人者。2022年1月よりJSPS招へし外国人
研究費として神戸大学に滞在予定



主要業績
*Wilderness Protection in Europe: The Role
of International, European and National
Law* (editor, Cambridge UP, 2016);
"Antarctica's wilderness fails to capture
continent's biodiversity", *Nature* 583
(2020) (co-author).




14th Polar Law
Symposium 2021
November 21-23 Kobe, Japan

On-going funded research project at PCRC

<https://www.research.kobe-u.ac.jp/gsics-pcrc/researchprojects.html>

Doctoral students are more than welcome to engage in these projects, with additional research funding, particularly:

- **MEXT ArCS II International Law Research Program on the Arctic (2020-25)**
- **JSPS The Resilience of the Antarctic Treaty System under the Anthropocene (2021-26)**



ATS Resilience
under
Anthropocene

Ending projects:

Mitsubishi Foundation on Antarctic Treaty System Studies (2020-23)

Mitsui Environment Fund on Arctic International Legal Research Forum (2020-22)

About myself

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- Interest: Public International Law; Arctic Law; Antarctic Treaty System; International Environmental Law, International Lawmaking Process. He is a member of the International Arctic Science Committee's Social and Human Working Group (IASC-SHWG) and an Executive Committee member of the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) Standing Committee on Humanities and Social Sciences (SC-HASS).
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Japanese government (MEXT) scholarship for arrival in Kobe, April or Oct. 2023


The application will **start around April 2022** and its **deadline is between late May and early June 2022**, depending on the embassies.

- Monthly allowance ¥145,000 JPY (€1,100) for Doctoral Course students with round trip traveling costs and the tuition exemption of ¥535,800 (€4,050) per year.
- Check the Japanese embassy website of **the country of your nationality** (not the country of residence) or Contact the embassy directly for its announcement.

MEXT Application guidelines (documents from previous year)

https://www.mext.go.jp/content/20210510-mxt_gakushi02-000014806-02.pdf





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