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Why research the Japanese economy?

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As Japan rapidly grew in the 1960s and 1970s, interests on the Japanese economy grew tremendously. The research community followed the growth of public interests, and provided valuable insights into the functioning of the Japanese economy. With the decline in the relative importance of the Japanese economy in the world, however, research interests on the Japanese economy subsided.

Given this backdrop, what significance can a research on the Japanese economy have in economics?

This seminar will outline what Angrist & Pischke (2010) called 'the credibility revolution in empirical economics,' and discuss how the Japanese economy provides unique opportunities to learn about behaviours of economic agents, particularly their reactions to economic policies. The seminar draws from research on taxation Dr. Onji conducted in the Australia Japan Research Centre to illustrate lessons from the Japanese tax policy.

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