

CURRICULUM VITAE

Ippei Tsuruga

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: **Representative, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) USA Office**

DATE OF BIRTH: **18 June 1984**

NATIONALITY: **Japanese**

RESEARCH INTERESTS: **Social Protection, Multidimensional Poverty, Child Poverty, Cash Transfers**

GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERTISE: **South East Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, Cambodia, Kenya, Nigeria**

OVERVIEW

Ippei Tsuruga is Representative of JICA USA Office and Member of JICA Social Protection Network. Having been trained through the Master programme, ILO Social Security Academy, working experience at ILO and JICA, he is actively involved in JICA's assistance strategy development and research activities on social protection and poverty. He has been experienced on social protection, child labour, multi-/bi-lateral aid modalities, project management, a variety of management tasks both in research and operation. His research interests include social protection reforms, poverty targeting, cash transfers and poverty measurement.

EDUCATION

- 2008 - 2009 **MA in Poverty and Development** (specialisation: Development Economics; dissertation: *Social Protection and Chronic Poverty in Cambodia: A Quantitative Analysis*) Institute of Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex, UK
Supervisor: [Dr. Sarah Cook](#), [Dr. Martin Greeley](#)
- 2004 - 2008 **BA in Law** (specialisation: Public Policy; thesis: *Implementing Human Security in Development Assistance*) Kagawa University, Japan
Supervisor: [Prof. Kazuya Ishii](#)

Other Training (academic and professional)

- 2013 - 2014 **Microeconometrics, Econometrics, Statistics** (non-degree)
Graduate School of Economics, Hosei University, Japan
- 2013 **Impact Evaluation** (statistical methodology), JICA
- 2012 **Academy on Social Security** (social protection design, finance)
International Training Centre of International Labour Organisation (ILO), Italy.
- 2012 **Financial Analysis, Macroeconomics, Debt Sustainability Analysis**, JICA
- 2010 **Project Cycle Management** (planning, monitoring, evaluation)
Foundation for Advanced Studies on International Development, Japan

EMPLOYMENT

- 2014 - PRESENT **Representative**, JICA USA Office
- 2013 - PRESENT **Member**, Social Protection Network, JICA
- 2013 - 2014 **Deputy Assistant Chief**, JICA Research Institute, Japan
- 2012 - 2013 **Research Officer**, JICA Research Institute, Japan
- 2012 - 2013 **Visiting Lecturer**, Kagawa University, Japan
- 2010 (three month) **Representative**, JICA Kenya Office
- 2010 - 2012 **Country Officer** (Kenya, Nigeria, Somalia, Eritrea), JICA Africa Department, Japan

2009 - 2010

Assistant Programme Officer (paid-intern), ILO Cambodia

2005 - 2008

Development Officer (part-time intern), Second Hand (NGO), Japan

PUBLICATIONS

Tsuruga, Ippei (2015) Chronic Poverty in Cambodia: Quality of Growth for Whom. *IDS-AFD-JICA Joint Project on Quality of Growth and JICA Research Institute Working Paper*

Fujita, Yasuo, Tsuruga, Ippei, and Takeda, Asami (2013) Policy Challenges for Infrastructure Development in Africa - The Way Forward for Japan's Official Development Assistance. In: JICA-RI ed. *Inclusive and Dynamic Development in Sub-Saharan Africa*. ISBN: 9784863570511

JICA (2012) Sector Review on Health and Social Protection in Kenya.

JICA (2011) JICA Analytical Work for Kenya (Country Assistance Strategy).

ILO IPEC (2010) The Role of a National Social Protection Strategy in Augmenting Human Capital through Promoting Education, Reducing Child Labour and Eliminating its Worst Forms in Cambodia. Conference Paper: Technical Consultation on Social Protection and Child Labour, ILO IPEC Cambodia.

Tsuruga, Ippei (2009) The variations between countries with regard to the impact of economic growth on poverty reduction: Lessons from Bangladesh and Zambia. *Conference Paper: University of Tokyo Forum in London*, University of Tokyo.

Tsuruga, Ippei (2008) Implementing Human Security in Development Assistance. *Research for Development and Peace*, vol. 5, pp.33-46, Ishii Seminar (thesis for undergraduate degree in Japanese).

OTHERS

COMPUTER AND SOFTWARE SKILLS

Microsoft Office Package, STATA

LANGUAGES

Japanese (native), English (fluent)

REFERENCES

Dr. Sarah Cook

Director, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), Switzerland

Prof. Lawrence Haddad

Senior Research Fellow of International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), USA
Honorary Research Professor, University of Sussex, UK

Prof. Kazuya Ishii

Faculty of Law, Kagawa University, Japan