

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## Ippei Tsuruga

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: **Social Protection Policy Officer, International Labour Organization (ILO)**

DATE OF BIRTH: **18 June 1984**

NATIONALITY: **Japanese**

CAREER INTERESTS: **Management, Poverty, Inequality, Social Protection, Informal Economy**

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

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### OVERVIEW

Ippei Tsuruga is Social Protection Policy Officer at International Labour Organization (ILO), currently working on the extension of social protection to workers in the informal economy in developing countries. Prior to joining ILO, he served for 6 years as Representative of JICA USA, Deputy Assistant Chief of JICA Research Institute and JICA Country Economist for Kenya, Nigeria and Somalia. He played a key role in the development of country assistance strategies, and the management of country operations and joint research projects.

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### 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](#)

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### 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

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### EMPLOYMENT

**2016 - PRESENT** **Social Protection Policy Officer, ILO**

Brief description of duties and responsibilities:

1. Develop strategies/policies for the extension of social protection to workers in the informal economy, including the poor and vulnerable.
2. Provide the ILO's social protection team in the ASEAN region with technical backstops.
3. Develop strategies/policies for the extension of social protection to persons with disabilities.
4. Compile and analyse relevant quantitative and qualitative information necessary for the assessment of the social protection policies at the national, regional and international level.
5. Analyse data for assessments and research studies of social security schemes and social protection systems, and in particular with regard to social protection floors.
6. Prepare research and background papers on various aspects of social protection policies.

7. Draft components of global, regional and country analyses for reports and publications on various aspects of social protection policies, in particular with respect to policy development, implementation, monitoring and impact analysis.
8. Contribute to the development of policy guidance and capacity-building material.
9. Assist in technical backstopping, project implementation and monitoring as a junior desk officer.
10. Participate in technical missions for research, training and fact finding.
11. Assist in organising workshops and seminars particularly in the ASEAN region.

Key achievements:

Most achievements are related to publications (drafting and editing) listed below, including:

1. Drafted/Edited several issue briefs on the extension of social protection to workers in the informal economy (listed in the publication section below).
2. Drafted a chapter on social protection and disability for World Social Protection Report 2017/18.
3. Drafted a policy brief on poverty targeting for social assistance.
4. Edited an unguided online course on social protection.
5. Drafted a policy brief on apprenticeship and social protection.

**2013 - 2016**

**Advisory Member, Social Protection Network, JICA**

Social Security Network is one of knowledge management networks within JICA and holds internal resource persons on social protection, headed by Deputy Director General of Human Development Department (HDD) and Director of Social Security Division (SSD). The network aims to discuss various social protection issues and advise HDD and SSD at policy levels and project approaches/designs. I was one of 20 members and responsible to:

1. Advise SSD on social protection (particularly social transfers).
2. Comment on SSD's assistance strategy papers.
3. Advise SSD's survey teams on scopes, approaches and designs.
4. Update international discussion on social protection for SSD.

Key achievements:

1. Participated in and commented on the strategy paper on disability and social protection for the future assistance.
2. Conducted a seminar on designing social protection instruments particularly on cash transfers, using case studies of Kenyan CCT programme for Orphans and Vulnerable Children, and Cambodian programme for the poor households.
3. Commented several policy papers of social security division in distance.

**2014 - 2016**

**Representative, JICA USA Office**

Brief description of duties and responsibilities:

1. Responsible for office management (treasury, procurement, contract and staff management etc).
2. Various management tasks including staff management and recruitment.
3. External relations with UN agencies, US Government and research institutes, in particular on post-2015 agenda.
4. Manage procurement and coordination for Japan's emergency assistance for Latin American regions.
5. Develop strategies for organisational activities
6. Manage research projects in collaboration with Brookings, CSIS, Columbia University, and Georgetown University etc.
7. Research on chronic poverty in Cambodia, a contribution to the IDS-AFD-JICA joint publication on Quality of Growth.

Key achievements:

1. Recruited/Supervised staff members (Human Resource)
2. Headed/Managed legal/procurement/finance/administration sections (General Affairs and Finance).
3. Coordinated joint research projects (Brookings, CSIS, Columbia University etc.).
4. Launched several research products (The Last Mile, Brookings; Economic Transformation in Africa, Stiglitz).
5. Published a research paper on chronic poverty in Cambodia.
6. Liaised with USAID, US Government, research institutes, UN agencies etc.
7. Launched a research project on gender (Georgetown University) and innovation for poverty reduction (CSIS).
8. Coordinated emergency assistance for Chile and Dominica as part of JICA's disaster responses.

**2013 - 2014**

**Deputy Assistant Chief, JICA Research Institute, Japan**

Brief description of duties and responsibilities:

1. Develop institutional strategies, and involve in the decision-making process for the institute's activities.
2. Represent the institute on any matters of external relations.
3. Lead operations in terms of planning, budgeting, procuring, recruiting and contracting.
4. Lead external relations to explore further collaboration with international research institutes.
5. Manage and coordinate several research projects on poverty reduction and human development.
6. Organise international conferences, events and seminars to launch research products.
7. Conduct a research on "Chronic Poverty in Cambodia: Quality of Growth for Whom", as a part of IDS-AFD-JICA joint research project on Quality of Growth (area of growth, poverty, and social development).

Key achievements:

Contributed to papers, technical inputs, editing and project management as specified below.

1. Recruited/Supervised research assistants and consultants (Human Resource).
2. Managed legal/procurement/finance/administration tasks (General Affairs and Finance).
3. Managed/Coordinated 7 research projects.
4. Published a book chapter "Chronic Poverty in Cambodia: Quality of Growth for Whom", as a part of IDS-JICA joint research project.
5. Launched a book "Growth is Dead, Long Live Growth: The Quality of Economic Growth and Why it Matters" as a final product of the IDS-AFD-JICA joint research project.
6. Coordinated joint research projects with Initiative for Policy Dialogue at Columbia University on Industrial Development.
7. Launched a book on African development "Africa 2050: Realizing the Continent's Full Potential" from Oxford University Press, while inviting All the African Presidents, Prime Ministers and Finance Ministers. I was responsible for concept, budget allocation, contract and edit on behalf of Director of JICA Research Institute.
8. Coordinated to launch a new project on impact evaluation for the participatory agricultural project on Smallholder Horticulture Empowerment Project in Kenya.
9. Coordinated to launch a new project on Impact evaluation for the technical assistance project for Improving Managerial Capital for Small and Medium-sized Enterprise in Latin America.

**2012 - 2013**

**Research Officer, JICA Research Institute, Japan**

Brief description of duties and responsibilities:

1. Develop institutional strategies, and involve in the decision-making process for the institute's activities.
2. Represent the institute on any matters of external relations.
3. Lead operations in terms of planning, budgeting, procuring, recruiting and contracting.
4. Lead external relations to explore further collaboration with international research institutes.
5. Manage and coordinate several research projects on poverty reduction and human development.
6. Organise international conferences, events and seminars to launch research products.

Key achievements:

1. Managed/Coordinated 10 research projects.
2. Published a book chapter "Policy Challenges for Infrastructure Development in Africa - The Way Forward for Japan's Official Development Assistance" and assisted in editing the whole book "Inclusive and Dynamic Development in Sub-Saharan Africa" published from JICA-RI.
3. Edited and published a book "Inclusive and Dynamic Development in Sub-Saharan Africa".
4. Organised an international conference at the fifth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD V) in 2012, and launched the above book while inviting African leaders and delegations.
5. Coordinated a joint research project on economic transformation in Africa with Columbia University, and launched at TICAD V.
6. Coordinated to publish bimonthly literature reviews of academic papers on development issues.
7. Advised on social protection to JICA's operation departments.

**2012 - 2013**

**Visiting Lecturer, Kagawa University, Japan**

Brief description of duties and responsibilities:

1. Lecture my own experience on international cooperation once a year for undergraduate students.

Key achievements:

1. Lectured my own experience on international cooperation once a year for 200 undergraduate students.

**2010 (three month)**

**Representative, JICA Kenya Office**

Brief description of duties and responsibilities:

1. Assist in implementing a variety of projects at the country office.
2. Collect information for the future assistance on poverty reduction, human development and social protection.
3. Build network with key development partners on poverty reduction, human development and social protection.

Key achievements:

1. Built a network between JICA and development partners (World Bank, UNs, DFID, NGOs etc.) on social protection through meeting and attending workshop.
2. Collected information on the trend of Social Protection in Kenya to propose JICA's commitment to the sector, which has been practiced in seminar and research as mentioned above.

**2010 - 2012**

**Country Economist (Kenya, Nigeria, Somalia, Eritrea), JICA Africa Department, Japan**

Brief description of duties and responsibilities:

1. Develop institutional strategies, and involve in the decision-making process for the institute's activities.
2. Represent the institute on any matters of external relations.
3. Manage country assistance programmes and projects in operation together with regional offices and development partners.
4. Hire and supervise project team members including consultants (Human Resource).
5. Represent the institution and participate in and lead policy dialogues with recipient governments.
6. Draft legal documents for grant aid.
7. Draft terms of reference for service contract with consultants.

Key achievements:

1. Developed a country assistance strategy for Kenya.
2. Established a new assistance strategy/programme on health and social protection in Kenya that aimed to increase access of poor households to the health system.
3. Conducted a stock-taking survey on health and social protection in Kenya to formulate a framework of mid- and long-term interventions. It resulted in a US\$ 40 million intervention in 2015 for universal health coverage (including health insurance).
4. Conducted a socioeconomic analysis for Kenya to develop a new country assistance strategy including macro economy, poverty, inequality, education, health, industry etc.
5. Managed the assistance portfolio of various sectors (over 20 programmes, 45 projects, and US\$ 60 million per annum).
6. Developed an assistance framework on the 2011 drought response for the Horn of Africa and managed its operations (US\$ 20 million projects for Kenya) after leading a rapid assessment.
7. Restarted JICA's interventions to Somalia after 21 years, which provided purified water and sanitation in Mogadishu with IOM.
8. Developed legal documents (Grant Agreement etc.) for new projects.
9. Led a series of internal seminar on social protection (mainly social transfers) in cooperation with the poverty reduction team.

**2009 - 2010**

**Assistant Programme Officer (paid-intern), ILO Cambodia**

At ILO's International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC),

1. Develop ILO proposals for a consultation workshop for the Cambodian National Social Protection Strategy (NSPS) in relation to child labour and social protection.
2. Assist programme officers in developing project documents on child labour.
3. Assist programme officers in operations and public relations.

Key achievements:

1. Drafted a concept note on social protection and child labour, which was presented at a technical consultation with Council for Agricultural and Rural Development, and integrated into the approved National Social Protection Strategy Framework in Cambodia.
2. Assisted in conducting seminars/consultations on child labour and social protection.
3. Assisted programme officers in developing action plans of IPEC's child labour interventions.
4. Assisted in documenting child labour literature and establishing the Child Labour Documentation Centre.

2005 - 2008

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

Brief description of duties and responsibilities:

1. Assist the NGO in operating projects on poverty reduction, livelihood, education and health in Cambodia.
2. Assist the NGO in raising funds in Japan.
3. Assist the NGO in public relations in Japan.
4. Participate in the NGO's management meeting for strategies and operations.

Key achievements:

1. Improved operations for a vocational training project for empowering women and a child protection project in Cambodia.
2. Drafted articles for seasonal newsletters/reports for donors, on Impact of a small scale Cash Transfer project to school pupils by interviewing beneficiaries in a Cambodian slum (Social Protection/Child Protection).
3. Reported to foster parents of Cambodian orphans on the result of interview to beneficiaries.
4. Assisted in managing charity shops for fundraising.

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## PUBLICATIONS (including ongoing works and partial contribution)

- ILO. Forthcoming. Extending social security to workers in the informal economy: Lessons from international experience.
- ILO. 2017. Disability benefits. In: World Social Protection Report 2017/18.
- ILO. Forthcoming. Regional perspectives: Africa. In: World Social Protection Report 2017/18.
- ILO. Forthcoming. Regional perspectives: Asia and the Pacific. In: World Social Protection Report 2017/18.
- ILO. Forthcoming. Achieving fiscal savings through more poverty targeting? Leaving no one behind requires inclusive social protection systems. Social Protection for All Policy Brief.
- ILO. Forthcoming. Extending social security to construction workers. Issue Brief.
- ILO. Forthcoming. Extending social security to domestic workers. Issue Brief.
- ILO. Forthcoming. Extending social security to agricultural workers. Issue Brief.
- ILO. Forthcoming. Extending social security to self-employed and own-account workers. Issue Brief.
- ILO. Forthcoming. Extending social security to workers in micro- and small-enterprises. Issue Brief.
- ILO. Forthcoming. Extending social security to workers in the informal economy and awareness. Issue Brief.
- ILO. Forthcoming. Extending social security to workers in the informal economy and good governance. Issue Brief.
- ILO. Forthcoming. Extending social security to workers in the informal economy and facilitating contribution collection. Issue Brief.
- ILO. Forthcoming. Social protection in apprenticeships. In: Guide and Tools for Quality Apprenticeships.
- Tsuruga, Ippei. 2015. Chronic poverty in Cambodia: Quality of growth for whom. In: *Growth is dead, long live growth: The quality of economic growth and why it matters*.
- 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. 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 for 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, Ippai. 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).

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## OTHERS

### **COMPUTER AND SOFTWARE SKILLS**

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Microsoft Office Package, STATA, Wordpress

### **LANGUAGES**

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Japanese (native), English (fluent)

### **REFERENCES**

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#### **Christina Behrendt**

Head of Social Policy, Social Protection Department, International Labour Organization (ILO), Geneva

#### **Go Shimada**

Associate Professor of Economics, University of Shizuoka, Japan

#### **Sarah Cook**

Director, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Innocenti Research Centre, Italy