

【Mission & Overview】

The Institute of Social Sciences was established in November 1978 as the seventh research institute of Chuo University, with an aim to undertake inter-disciplinary joint research primarily on social sciences.

Back then, Chuo University set out the following vision for the future direction of the university's research institutions and building a university that meets the needs of the coming new era: 1. Define university as a research institution with a mission to promote the further advancement of research and learning instead of a simple educational institution., 2. Provide research environments where researchers can cooperate, challenge, and support each other as a group and individually exert their best abilities and assume responsibilities. 3. Create a "joint research" system in which researchers across different faculties can collaborate as a Chuo University team and engage in joint research activities on the same theme. 4. Establish the institution as part of Chuo University, so that the day-to-day operation can be managed within the scope of university autonomy.

In line with such vision and to achieve the aforementioned aim, the Institute of Social Sciences was established as a joint research institution primarily for the fields such as politics, law, history, economics, and sociology. Since then it has been engaged in inter-disciplinary research activities.

The Institute of Social Sciences commenced operation in April 1979, and currently, more than 100 researchers in total including "Researchers", "Visiting Researchers" and "Associate Researchers" are actively engaged in research activities in line with democratic rules. Since establishment, the Institute of Social Sciences has energetically worked on various new research themes, and many research teams including international joint research teams have been formed.

Research findings of these research teams have been released through a wide variety of publication materials and events such as external workshops. Furthermore, a diverse collection of specialized books and documents that support these researches have been accumulated.

Members

As of May 1st, 2024

Title	No	Description
Researcher	64	Full-time teaching staff of Chuo University.
Visiting Researcher	71	Researchers participating in joint research at the institution, who are not full-time teaching staff of Chuo University.
Assistant Researchers	11	Doctoral course students who participate in joint research at the institution.

International Researchers (past seven years)

AY	No	Description
AY 2023	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆Associate Professors, Department of History, School of Humanities, Tsinghua University ◆Associate Professors, International and Global Studies Program, Brandeis University
AY 2020	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆Associate Professor, Aix-Marseille Université ◆Associate Professor, Aix-Marseille Université
AY 2019	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆Associate Professors, Department of History, School of Humanities, Tsinghua University ◆Professor, Institute of Japanese Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences ◆Professor, Université d'Aix-Marseille
AY 2018	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆Professor, School of Sociology, Shanghai University
AY 2017	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆Full Professor, Department of Political Sciences, University of Naples Federico II ◆Professor, College of Education and Integrative Studies, California State Polytechnic University Pomona