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Education

Ph.D., Economics, The University of Tokyo, 2006

Thesis title: Essays on Public Policy and Market Response

M.A., Economics, The University of Tokyo, 2001

B.A., Economics, The University of Tokyo, 1997

Professional Experience

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and School of International and Public Policy, Hitotsubashi University, 2006-present.

Economist, Policy Research Institute, Ministry of Finance, Japan, 2003-2006.

JSPS Research Fellow, the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, 2001-2003.

Research Economist, Japan Research Institute, Ltd. 1997-1999.

Part time lecturer: Musashino University (2010), Senshu University (2007-2008), MeijiGakuin University (2004-2007), Takachiho University (2004-2005), Saitama University, (2003-2006).

Refereed Publications

Ihori, Toshihiro, Ryuta Ray Kato, Masumi Kawade, and Shun-ichiro Bessho. 2011. Health insurance reform and economic growth: Simulation analysis in Japan. *Japan and the World Economy* forthcoming.

Bessho, Shun-ichiro, and Masayoshi Hayashi. 2011. Labor supply response and preferences specification: Estimates for prime-age males in Japan. *Journal of Asian Economics*, forthcoming.

Bessho, Shun-ichiro and Kimiko Terai. 2010. Competition for private capital and central grants: the case of Japanese industrial parks. *Economics of Governance*, 12(2), 135-154.

Bessho, Shun-ichiro and Eiko Tobita. 2007. Unemployment risk and buffer-stock saving: An empirical investigation in Japan. *Japan and the World Economy*

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- Bessho, Shun-ichiro and Yasushi Ohkusa. 2006. When do people visit a doctor?. *Health Care Management Science* **9(1)**, 5-18.
- Bessho, Shun-ichiro and Masayoshi Hayashi. 2005. Economic studies of taxation in Japan: The case of personal income taxes. *Journal of Asian Economics* **16(6)**, 956-972.
- Hashimoto, Chiyo and Shun-ichiro Bessho. 2011. Installation and utilization of MRI scanners in Japan. *Quarterly of Social Security Research*, forthcoming (in Japanese).
- Bessho, Shun-ichiro. 2010. Optimal linear income tax system in Japan: MCF approach. *Zaisei Kenkyu* **6**, 149-169. (in Japanese)
- Bessho, Shun-ichiro and Masayoshi Hayashi. 2010. Do public expenditures affect labor supply? *Keizai Seisaku Journal* **7(1)**, 19-32. (in Japanese)
- Doi, Takero and Shun-ichiro Bessho. 2005. Subsidized local bonds through local allocation tax grants. *JCER Economic Journal* **51**, 33-58. (in Japanese)
- Doi, Takero and Shun-ichiro Bessho. 2005. Subsidized local bonds in Japan. *Zaisei Kenkyu* **1**, 311-328. (in Japanese)
- Masayoshi Hayashi and Shun-ichiro Bessho. 2004. Social marginal cost of public funds: The case of progressive personal income taxes in Japan. *Economic Analysis (ESRI)* **172**, 1-34. (leading article, in Japanese).
- Bessho, Shun-ichiro, Nobuo Akai and Masayoshi Hayashi. 2003. Marginal cost of public funds. *JCER Economic Journal* **47**, 1-19. (leading article, in Japanese).

Other Publications (English)

- Bessho, Shun-ichiro. 2010. Implementation of public works and intergovernmental relationships in Japan. *Public Policy Review* **6(1)**, 167-198.
- Ihori, Toshihiro, Ryuta Ray Kato, Masumi Kawade and Shun-ichiro Bessho. 2006. Public debt and economic growth in an aging Japan. In: Keimei Kaizuka and Ann O. Krueger ed., *Tackling Japan's Fiscal Challenges: Strategies to Cope with High Public Debt and Population Aging*, 30-68 (Chapter 3). Palgrave Macmillan.

Other Publications (Japanese)

- Bessho, Shun-ichiro. 2011. Redistribution and local public finance. *Japan Association of Local Public Finance*.
- Bessho, Shun-ichiro. 2010. Taxation and labor supply. *Japanese Journal of Labour Studies* **605**, 4-17.
- Bessho, Shun-ichiro. 2010. Fiscal discipline and commitment. *Government Auditing Review* **42**, 29-47.
- Bessho, Shun-ichiro. 2007. Public works and intergovernmental relationship.

Financial Review **89**, 93-117.

- Ii, Masako and Shun-ichiro Bessho. 2006. Empirical analysis and policy on health care. *Financial Review* **80**, 117-156.
- Bessho, Shun-ichiro and Hiromi Hara. 2005. Political attitudes and voting behavior of union members: Evidence from 19th Upper House selection. In: Keisuke Nakamura and RENGO-RIALS eds., *Revival or Decline? Ways for Vitalization of Labor Unions*. Keiso Shobo.
- Bessho, Shun-ichiro and Yasushi Ohkusa. 2003. Copayment rate and consultation behavior. In: Yasushi Ohkusa ed., *Health Economics*. Toyo Keizai Shimposha.
- Bessho, Shun-ichiro and Yasushi Ohkusa. 2003. Appendix: Econometric analysis. Copayment rate and consultation behavior. In: Yasushi Ohkusa ed., *Health Economics*. Toyo Keizai Shimposha.
- Kawade Masumi, Shun-ichiro Bessho and Ryuta Ray Kato. 2004. Fiscal deficits and fiscal burden in the future: Simulation analysis with public capital stock. In: Toshihiro Ihori ed., *Fiscal Deficits in Japan*. Iwanami Shoten.

Working Papers

- Bessho, Shun-ichiro. 2007. Transition and current situation of agricultural financing in Japan. Policy Research Institute, Ministry of Finance. (in Japanese)
- Bessho, Shun-ichiro. 2006. Transition and current situation of intergovernmental relationship in Japan: The case of National Comprehensive Development Plan. Policy Research Institute, Ministry of Finance. (in Japanese)
- Bessho, Shun-ichiro and Takashi Kihara. 2006. Policy Responses and Regional Cooperation in Aging East Asia: An introduction. Policy Research Institute, Ministry of Finance. (in Japanese)
- Bessho, Shun-ichiro and Masayoshi Hayashi. 2005. Does public expenditure affect labor supply behavior? PRI Discussion Paper Series 06A-18. (in Japanese)
- Bessho, Shun-ichiro and Masayoshi Hayashi. 2005. The social cost of public funds: the case of Japanese progressive income taxation. PRI Discussion Paper Series 05A-16.
- Bessho, Shun-ichiro and Masayoshi Hayashi. 2005. The CES utility function , non-linear budget constraints and labor supply : Results on prime-age males in Japan". PRI Discussion Paper Series 05A-15.
- Hayashi, Masayoshi, Shun-ichiro Bessho and Yukako Iwata. 2005. Intergovernmental transfer system: Theory, comparison and current situation. Policy Research Institute, Ministry of Finance. (in Japanese)
- Bessho, Shun-ichiro. 1999. Is 'urban' public investment efficient? Japan Research Institute. (in Japanese)
- Bessho, Shun-ichiro. 1998. Social security system and intergenerational inequality.

Japan Research Institute. (in Japanese)
Bessho, Shun-ichiro. 1998. Does pension tax system function as a redistribution device? Japan Research Institute. (in Japanese)

Professional Memberships

Japanese Economic Association, Japanese Institute of Public Finance, International Institute of Public Finance

Grants

Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (C), Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, 2010-2012.
Grant-in-Aid for Young Scientists (B), Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, 2007-2009.

Presentations

Meeting of Japanese Economic Association: Fall 2002, Fall 2003, Spring 2004, Fall 2004, Fall 2005, Fall 2006, Spring 2008, Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2011.
Meeting of Japanese Institute of Public Finance: 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2011.
Meeting of Japan Association of Local Public Finance: 2010 (plenary session)
Congress of International Institute of Public Finance: 2005, 2006.
Congress of International Health Economic Association: 2003.

Referee Experience

Japanese Economic Review, Health Care Management Science, Hitotsubashi Journal of Economics, Journal of Japanese and International Economies, Keizai-seisaku Journal