

# A successful example of European-Japanese collaboration in the RISE framework: the INCAS research program

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# Presentation of the INCAS project: intellectual background

- INCAS = Understanding institutional change in Asia: A comparative perspective with Europe
- Field: economics and political economy
- Basic ideas:
  1. As Europe seeks to face its contemporary economic challenges, a strong case exists for learning from the experiences of Asian countries and Japan, in particular
  2. More precisely, linking institutional change to evolving corporate diversity

# Presentation of the INCAS project

- Institutional participants: EHESS (coordinator), Freie Universität Berlin, Oxford, Waseda, Maison Franco Japonaise
- RISE program: 778,500 euro (EU funding)
- Other funding sources : JSPS (core to core program), CNRS (GDRI), FFJ
- Individual participants: 35 (research and administrative staffs)
- Duration: June 2015 – May 2019 (48 months)

# Prehistory of the project (2012-2014)

- Individual contacts between European and Japanese researchers
- A clear and common research agenda
- Limited funding attached to individuals (mainly professors)
- Major problems:
  1. Not enough funding for mobility (mobility to Japan is expensive!)
  2. No funding for students and administrative staffs
  3. No mid-term framework to promote collaboration between researchers and to benefit from complementary knowledge and skills

# RISE as a solution to our problems

- 4 years project
- Characteristics of funding for researchers, students and administrative staff
- During the application process, we were forced to establish a framework for collaboration
- From bilateral to multilateral framework
- (Not the most competitive EU program: your European partners have reasonable chances to succeed)

# Some advices to our Japanese friends

- Exploration:
  1. Within your university/research organization, select promising projects and understand their needs
  2. Identifying proper European partners: long-mid term collaboration (making a good use of your academic agreements), quality of research, coordination capabilities
- Establish contacts with other members of the research consortium (e.g. through bilateral frameworks)
- Prepare your application to the JSPS core to core program
- If/when selected, devote resources to coordination issues with your European partners and answer to EU requirement

**Thank you for your attention**

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