Rice Ball Seminar offers you an opportunity to have a glimpse at various research activities at Ritsumeikan University through presentations by young researchers. The Seminar is held during lunchtime and participants can watch and listen to presentations by the researchers while eating Rice Balls (Onigiri).

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**Nov. 20th**

**The Effects of Public Funding on Local Economies**

**Abstract:** Recently terms such as "Regional Revitalization" are being thrown about, but what should we actually be doing? My research attempts to reevaluate the effects of governmental policy and activities based on an analysis of local economies. Through my research I hope to gain better insight into regional revitalization.

**Research Areas:** Local Economy, Public Finance, Social Security

**Motivation to research:** When I was an undergraduate student in the College of Policy Science, I had the chance to visit various regions. At that time, I realized that there was a lack of experience and knowledge to effectively participate in regional revitalization and community development, so I decided to pursue my current research path.

**Date and Time:** Nov. 20th Tues. 12:20-12:50  
**Venue:** Room AS261, 2nd Floor, Bldg. A @OIC

**Mr. Yutaka ENARI**  
Doctoral student, Policy Science, Ritsumeikan University

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**Nov. 27th**

**Beyond the Integration of Toyota Production System (TPS) and Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)**

**Abstract:** The research presentation will discuss and introduce a topic regarding TPS philosophy and ERP system. ERP is a top-down approach which originated from the management view to the shop floor, and the TPS is a bottom-up approach which observed from the shop floor. Nevertheless, the discussion will describe the integration of both methods based on cases in Japan-Indonesia Automotive companies.

**Research Areas:** Enterprise Resources Planning (ERP), Lean Production, System Integration

**Motivation to research:** When I was an undergraduate student in the College of Policy Science, I had the chance to visit various regions. At that time, I realized that there was a lack of experience and knowledge to effectively participate in regional revitalization and community development, so I decided to pursue my current research path.

**Date and Time:** Nov. 27th Tues. 12:20-12:50  
**Venue:** R-AGORA, 2nd Floor, Bldg. B @OIC

**Mr. Ricky CHRISTIAN**  
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We have just started “Stamp Campaign” from this fall semester. You will get a chance to win some prizes (a small gift).

**Next Month:** Dec 4th, Dec 18th Tues. Lunchtime