

PURC Visiting Scholars

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Dr. Shinji Yane (Japan) PURC Visiting Scholar September 2009-May 2010

Dr. Yane is a 1997 UF Economics Ph.D and former PURC student. He spent much of his time in Japan addressing regulatory institutions, including the role of bureaucracies in developing and implementing public policy towards infrastructure. He is a professor of economics at St. Andrews University in Osaka, Japan, and while at PURC he will be evaluating the performance of water utilities in Japan, using cost and production data from municipalities, while at UF.

Dr. Rui Marques (Portugal) PURC Visiting Scholar, March 2009-August 2009

Dr. Marques is an Assistant Professor at the Technical University of Lisbon. He teaches and coordinates the operation research, management and theory of decision, performance measurement and economy and regulation disciplines, and he frequently consults on benchmarking topics. He is also a researcher for the Centre of Urban and Regional Systems. His research is focused on regulation, procurement and benchmarking. While staying with PURC, Dr. Marques will work closely with Dr. Sanford Berg, director of water studies, on a critical survey of water and electric utility benchmarking. He earned a Ph.D. from the Technical University of Lisbon, a M.Sc degree from the University of Coimbra, as well as a Post-graduation degree in Public Law and Regulation from the University of Coimbra, and a bachelor's degree in Specialization on Transportation and Urban Planning from the Technical University of Lisbon.

Dr. Iram Anjum Khan (Pakistan) PURC Fulbright Visiting Scholar, September 2007 – June 2008

Dr. Khan works for the Government of Pakistan. His last assignment before coming to PURC was as Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Industries, Production & Special Initiatives. As a Deputy Secretary, Dr. Khan worked closely with public-private partnership initiatives that aimed to improve the governance and administration of various autonomous organizations under the Ministry. During his stay at PURC, he developed e-learning modules for the Body of Knowledge (**BoKIR**) on Infrastructure Regulation. He also researched the impact of regulatory decisions on poverty in network industries. Dr. Khan earned a Ph.D. in Economics and an MA in Public Policy and Management from the University of Manchester, UK, as well as an MA in Economics from the University of Punjab, Lahore.

Dr. Marcelo Resende (Brazil) PURC Visiting Scholar, February 2007

Dr. Resende is an Associate Professor at the Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro. Given his research productivity in infrastructure economics, Dr. Resende was able to contribute ideas regarding methodologies for evaluating the impacts of public policies on performance in the telecommunications, energy, and water sectors. During his stay at PURC, Dr. Marcelo Resende presented a seminar for the [Center for International Business and Economic Research \(CIBER\)](#). He also attended the 34th Annual PURC Conference, February 15-16, where he met with regulators from the Florida Public Service Commission, utility executives, academics, and other attendees. He earned a D.Phil. in Economics, University of Oxford (1997), and an M.A. from the University of Pennsylvania (1993). He also earned a M.Sc. in Economics, Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro-PUC/RJ (1989). We look forward to a continuing interaction with him and his university.

Dr. Jorry Mwenechanya (Zambia) PURC Visiting Scholar, September 2005

Dr. Mwenechanya is the former Chair and a current member of Zambia's Energy Regulation Board (ERB). Along with Dr. Paul Sotkiewicz, he worked on pro-poor tariff designs for electricity, and in particular attempting to use Zambian data to simulate the welfare effects of various tariff designs and levels and his visit is the first part of ongoing work in this area with Dr. Sotkiewicz. In addition to being a member of the ERB, Dr. Mwenechanya has taught at the University of Zambia for almost a quarter century, served as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Dean of Engineering at the University of Zambia, and has consulted widely in the SADC region on various matters in the electricity industry. Dr. Mwenechanya has a B.S. in Engineering from the University of Zambia and his M.S. and Ph.D. in Engineering from the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (UMIST), U.K.

Dr. Jose Luis Gomez Barroso (Spain) PURC Visiting Scholar, June - July 2005

Dr. Gomez Barroso obtained his Ph.D. from the Universidad de Educacion a Distancia (UNED) in Spain. He continued his research on wireline and wireless substitution in telecommunications during his stay in Gainesville. He was a presenter at the joint PURC-London Business School conference, "The Future of Broadband: Wired & Wireless?" in February 2005.

Dr. Silver Mugisha (Uganda) PURC Visiting Scholar, September 2004

Dr. Mugisha, a graduate of the June 2002 PURC/World Bank Training Program, is the Chief Manager of Institutional Development and External Services at the National Water & Sewerage Company (NWSC) in Kampala, Uganda. He was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Makerere University in August 2005. Dr. Mugisha's visit to PURC included work with PURC Director of Water Studies Sanford Berg, UF Economics graduate students, and PURC staff on research for his dissertation.

Dr. Sang-Kyu Lee (Republic of Korea) PURC Visiting Scholar, Aug. 2003 – Aug. 2005

Dr. Lee is a post-doctoral researcher in telecommunications who has been Project Manager, Mobile Industry Research Team, Electronics & Telecommunication Research Institute since 1997. He received his bachelor's degree in economics from Seoul University and his master's and doctorate from KAIST (Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology). He has published "The Competition Regulation of Monopolistic Telecommunication Markets under Asymmetric Information," with Jae-Cheol Kim, in the *Korean Journal of Industrial Organization* 9 (2): 2001 and "An Incentive Scheme of a Non-linear Price Schedule for Regulating a Monopolist with Unknown Cost," also with Jae-Cheol Kim, *Economics Letters* 50: 1996.

J. Mario Vignolo (Uruguay) PURC Visiting Scholar, April 2004

Mr. Vignolo is an engineer affiliated with the energy regulator in Uruguay (URSEA) and a graduate of the PURC/World Bank Training Program. He worked on a series of papers with Dr. Paul Sotkiewicz, PURC's former director of Energy Studies, that addresses capital cost recovery, the impact of intermittent distributed resources and the potential savings from reducing the need for upgrades.

Dr. Soo Bock Lee (Korea) PURC Visiting Scholar, Aug. 2003 - Aug. 2004 and 1995-96.

Soo Bock Lee is a professor in social science at Ajou University in Suwon, Korea. He received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Seoul National University and his doctorate from Wayne State University. His areas of specialization are industrial organization, government regulation, and the Korean economy. He has written a book (Industrial Organization: The Economics of *Competition and Regulation*, published in 2002) in Korean and has published seventeen articles, including "Diversification and Market Structure in Korean Business Groups," *Korea Journal of Industrial Organization* 8 (1): 2000.

Valerii I. Tsaplin (Ukraine) PURC Visiting Scholar, Feb.- May 2003

Mr. Tsaplin, who is Head of the Department of Strategic Planning and Energy Markets Development National Electricity Regulatory Commission of Ukraine (NERC), presented a seminar co-sponsored by PURC on "The Evolution of Energy Regulation in Ukraine: Economics and Politics in a Transition Economy" at the University of Florida Department of Economics, April 3, 2003. During his visit, he spent a number of weeks in Tallahassee at the Florida Public Service Commission and co-authored a paper with Sanford Berg and Chen Lin, "Evolution of Energy Regulation in Ukraine: Electricity Distribution Comparing Performance."

Dr. Pinar Dogan (Toulouse, France, and Turkey) PURC Visiting Scholar, 2001-2002

Dr. Dogan completed her dissertation for a Ph.D. degree in economics from the Universite des Sciences Sociales de Toulouse, France, during her year at PURC. She also completed a paper on "Vertical Relations and Connectivity in the Internet" while at PURC and worked on papers with Marc Bourreau ("Regulation and Innovation in the Telecommunications Industry," "Unbundling the Local Loop," and "Unbundling the Local Loop, Time-Dependent Rental Path"). A Turkish national, she currently teaches at the Koc University, Istanbul.

Dr. Liangchun Yu (Shandong University, China) Fulbright Scholar, 2001-2002

Dr. Yu is Vice-Dean of the School of Economics at Shandong University in Jinan, China. During Dr. Yu's stay at PURC, the presidents of the University of Florida and Shandong University signed a cooperative agreement to promote academic interchange between the two institutions. PURC Director of Water Studies, Dr. Sanford Berg, visited to Shandong University in October 2004. Drs. Yu and Berg collaborated on a paper with Qing Guo – "Market Performance of Chinese Telecommunications: New Regulatory Policies," *Telecommunications Policy* 28 (Oct./Nov.): 715-32, 2004).

Hydajet Kopani (Albania) Fulbright Scholar, 2000-2001

With experience in the Albanian telecommunications sector as General Director of the State Department of Posts and Telecommunications, Mr. Kopani pursued post-graduate studies in the area of telecom regulation while at PURC. He was an active participant in the PURC/World Bank Training Programs and prepared a paper on Albanian telecommunications that combined his direct experience with conceptual frameworks developed in the training programs.

Dr. Joo Han Kim (Korea) PURC Visiting Scholar, 1999-2000

Dr. Kim is chair of the Department of Economics at Kyungwon University, Seoul, Korea. While at the University of Florida, Dr. Kim conducted research on telecommunications reform in Korea and participated in the PURC/World Bank International Training Program.

Dr. John Small (New Zealand) PURC Visiting Scholar, Jan.-June 1999

Dr. Small is the director of the Centre for Research in Network Economics and Communications (CRNEC) in New Zealand and a senior lecturer in economics at the University of Auckland. He is a member of PURC's International Advisory Board. While at PURC, Dr. Small prepared a paper - "Light-Handed Regulation of Network Industries in New Zealand" - for the fifth PURC/World Bank International Training Program.

Dr. Stefan Buehler (Switzerland) PURC Visiting Scholar, Jan.-July 1998

Dr. Buehler is an Assistant Professor at the Socioeconomic Institute of the University of Zurich. His papers include, "Regulatory Reform of Telecommunications in Switzerland" (published in Telecommunications Policy) during his time at PURC, and "Infrastructure Quality in Deregulated Industries: Is There an Underinvestment Problem?" International Journal of Industrial Organization, 2004, Vol. 22, No. 2, 253-267 (with Armin Schmutzler and Men-Andri Benz).

Dr. Jseph Doucet (Canada) PURC Visiting Scholar August 1996-June 1997

Dr. Doucet is currently at the University of Alberta School of Business where he is founder and Director of the Centre for Applied Business Research in Energy and the Environment (CABREE) as well as the H.&R. Drilling Professor of Regulatory Economics. He has published widely on hydropower, electricity restructuring in Canada, and ways to meet air quality standards.

Dr. Miroslav Strelkov (Ukraine) PURC Visiting Scholar, August 1996-June 1997

A USIA Junior Faculty Fellowship brought Dr. Strelkov to the University of Florida from the Ukraine, where he was Deputy Director on International Cooperation, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Institute of Energy Saving Problems. His fields of interest were environmental policy, energy policy and the economy.

Dr. Alfred Endres (Germany), PURC Visiting Scholar, Sept. 1990-Jan. 1991

Dr. Endres is a full professor of economic theory at the University of Hagen and a permanent visiting professor of environmental economics at the University of Witten/Herdecke. He is the author of the book *Environmental Economics* and numerous other books in German. He has published widely in international journals on environmental economics as well as law and economics. Among the most recent publications are:

Introducing "Cooperative Push": How Inefficient Environmental Policy (Sometimes!) Protects the Global Commons Better, *Public Choice*, Vol. 111 (2002), pp. 285-302. (With C. Ohl.)

Kyoto Europe? – An Economic Evaluation of the European Emission Trading Directive, *European Journal of Law and Economics*, Vol. 19 (2005), pp. 17-39.

The Development of Care Technology Under Liability Law, *International Review of Law and Economics*, in print. (With R. Bertram.)

Dr. John Tschirhart, PURC Visiting Scholar 1985-86

Dr. Tschirhart is Professor of Economics and Finance at the University of Wyoming, Laramie, and Director of the Public Utility Research & Training Institute (PURTI). He has contributed a number of papers used in the [PURC/World Bank Training Program](#) and he and Dr. Sanford Berg have collaborated on research as well. During his visit, Drs. Tschirhart and Berg drafted *Natural Monopoly Regulation: Principles and Practice* (Cambridge University Press, 1988). Additional collaborations include:

"Environmental Issues in a Restructuring Electric Industry," by John Tschirhart, in *Private Initiatives in Infrastructure: Priorities, Incentives and Performance*, edited by S. Berg, M. Pollitt, and M. Tsuji. Northhampton, MA: Elgar.

"A Market Test for Natural Monopoly in Local Exchange," with Sanford V. Berg, *Journal of Regulatory Economics*, 1995.

"Economics of Deregulating Local Exchange Telecommunications," with Sanford V. Berg.

"Contributions of Neoclassical Economics to Public Utility Analysis," with Sanford V. Berg, *Land Economics*, August 1995.