

# JDS International Seminar 2014 • Part 1

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Room #107, Laboratory of Advanced Research Building A  
University of Tsukuba



## Professor Lay Gibson

Environmental Planning, Infrastructure,  
and Economic Development Issues in  
Border Regions: Special Challenges and  
Opportunities

Lay Gibson studied economic and urban geography at the University of California, Los Angeles; UCLA awarded him M.A. and Ph.D. degrees. Upon completion of his studies he accepted an invitation to join the faculty of the University of Arizona's business college as a professor. During his tenure he has served as a professor and as the Director of the University's Economic Development Research Program. In 2005 the University named him Distinguished University Outreach Professor of Geography and Regional Development to recognize his contributions to the fields of economic base analysis, economic planning, and regional development; the same year he was named Senior Fellow in the University's Office of Economic Development. His research focuses on economic base theory, location analysis, and regional economic development. He has been active in a number of professional and scientific associations including the American Economic Development Council and the Regional Science Association International which he served as president. He has also been active in local and statewide initiatives. He was appointed by the Governor of Arizona to the State's land board and he has provided assistance to the Tucson Chamber of Commerce, to TREC (Tucson Regional Economic Opportunities) and to its predecessors the Development Authority for Tucson's Economy/Expansion.

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