

Project : Foresight Meta-Policy and Evaluation

I conducted literature review for this project primarily for the purpose of gathering knowledge concerning the utility of foresight (also known as Technology Assessment or TA). The project concerns itself with improving coordination and prioritization of resources in research communities (essentially research policy) across Japan by building networks through the aforementioned utilization of foresight.

On a practical basis, I have learned how to concisely summarize and organize information gathered from literature review. Of course, literature research is part and parcel of preparing for papers and presentations, but working with so many books was a new experience that required an elevated degree of organization. Working on the project also has introduced a variety of intellectual perspectives I had previously not been exposed to.

Having received most of my education (especially concerning policy) under American tutelage, it was refreshing to grasp alternative views on policy formulation that were different on fundamental level. In particular, listening in on interviews were valuable hands-on experiences. On an amorphous note, I realized how critical a conducive social environment is to having a productive schedule. I certainly took a lot from my time at SciREX and I hope I was able to contribute.

