

Office hours: Professor Ulrike Schaede



The GPS faculty member opens up about some of the dearest objects that adorn her office, painting a picture of her professional backstory and personal interests

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As many of her students know, [Ulrike Schaede's](#) office tells a story of business strategy and innovation in Japan. As the director of the [Japan Forum for Innovation and Technology](#) (JFIT), her office is adorned with various stories of Japanese tech gadgets, books, folklore and good luck charms.

Peek inside and you will notice an affinity for photography and technology. Since the 1980s, Schaede has been an avid analog photographer, capturing special moments in her travels throughout Japan.

Signaling office hours throughout the year, a sign greets students that says "Open" or "Closed Today" in Japanese. Enter and you immediately notice her scooter which allows her to quickly shoot around campus to meetings.

Schaede is trilingual, showing in her collection of rare Japanese texts and variety of Kanji characters throughout her space, including a lit sign of her favorite Japanese beer, Kirin Ichiban. The logo looks eerily similar to that of her hometown beer König Pilsener from Duisburg, Germany.

Hover over the images above for the big picture on her professional backstory and personal interests.