

**Call for Application to Participate in the 6<sup>th</sup> GPPN Student Conference**

GraSPP students are invited to apply for participation in the 6<sup>th</sup> GPPN Student Conference, to be held at the London School of Economics (LSE) from December 9<sup>th</sup> to December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

**1 . Number of Participants:** approx. 10

( Recruiting GraSPP Student Group leaders of the organizing committee and also student leaders for academic presentations. )

**2 . Eligibility:** In order to apply, you must

- ( 1 ) Be enrolled in the Graduate School of Public Policy, UT at the time of application
- ( 2 ) Be able to show your English proficiency by submitting a copy of TOEFL or IELTS official scores.
- ( 3 ) Be keen on international exchange and networking with students from all over the world, as well as be able to participate actively in the presentation and discussions in English.
- ( 4 ) Be able to attend the whole program in principle and submit a report after the Conference.

**3 . Topics of the Presentations:** TBA

**4 . Theme of 2011 Conference:**

**WHAT IS THE STATE OF OUR TIMES? THE CHANGING SHAPE OF THE  
NATION-STATE IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY**

Faced with the most significant economic crisis of the post-war era, global institutions are failing to solve the problems they were designed to prevent. Economic growth has faltered across the developed world. States face ballooning debt burdens and inhospitable capital markets that restrict their policy options, while confidence in the ability of international institutions to stabilise markets is declining.

This profound crisis has yielded a paradox: increasingly we rely on the nation-state, at a time when states' capacity to act is increasingly limited. We therefore motivate the GPPN Conference 2011 by asking: Can the state, rather than globalised institutions, provide the answers? How must the state adapt its policy responses to these radically altered circumstances? In answering these questions, we aim to address the changing role of the state in the central areas of financial regulation, innovation in public service provision, strategic delivery of foreign aid, and fostering economic dynamism in a context of fiscal austerity.

## 5 . How to Apply:

Complete the following and send them to [gppn2011.graspp@gmail.com](mailto:gppn2011.graspp@gmail.com) by email.

( 1 ) Download the [Application Form](#) to GraSPP

※ 1 Those who wish to use their TOEFL/IELTS scores obtained after entrance examination must attach a scanned copy of the official scores.

※ 2 Rename the excel file to add your name before sending the application form.

※ 3 For team presentation, each member is to complete an application form. The team leader is to consolidate all the application forms and submit them together.

( 2 ) Abstract of Presentation

※ 1 Refer to the [Conference Information](#) for the topics and requirements for the presentation.

## 6 . Application Period

· Deadline for Application Form and Abstract Submission: **17:00, Friday, October 20**

※ Please send first an email stating your name, course and year to [gppn2011.graspp@gmail.com](mailto:gppn2011.graspp@gmail.com) by **Monday, October 17** to indicate interest in participation.

## 7 . Selection & Announcement of Results

After closing the application, the GraSPP International Affairs Committee will select the successful applicants. The results will be notified directly to the applicant by email. Successful applicants will follow the instructions of the GraSPP staff regarding the financial support for travel expenses.

## 8 . Fees and Preparing for Traveling

As a support of travel expenses, the participants will be awarded a flat amount of JPY106,280 from GraSPP through the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS). The participants must arrange their air tickets, accommodations, visas and other necessary arrangements on their own responsibility. Visa fees (not needed for Japanese nationals) and meals not included in the official program are not covered. The participants are expected to check their own visa conditions.

Participants should check the updated information on accommodations which will be announced at a later date.

### Notes:

Participation to this program is entirely up to the students' spontaneity and is not regarded as a part of GraSPP's official curriculum. Therefore, there will be no special consideration on the students' absence from the classes and/or practice sessions. The participants are encouraged to consult with their professors in advance if the participation rate is taken into account for evaluation. In principle, dispatch to LSE is scheduled from December 8 to 13 (leave London on 12<sup>th</sup>). Participants should be take note that the reimbursement of the financial support may be made after they have returned to Japan.