

**Graduate School of Public Policy**  
**The University of Tokyo**

# International Public Policy, Doctoral Program



**Research Areas:**  
**International Finance  
and Development**  
**International Security**

# Program Description

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Globalization and major changes in the global environment are presenting modern society with increasingly diverse and complex challenges. Dealing with these challenges demands an advanced skillset—the ability to identify quickly and accurately the key issues from amidst complex phenomena, to apply sophisticated research skills to establish the relevant questions, and to synthesize expert knowledge from various fields to create a set of options for solutions. A choice must then be made from amongst the option set while building social consensus around that choice through communication, and the chosen option implemented expeditiously with an international perspective. Given this new level of complexity and diversity, it is hardly surprising that a growing ratio of international institution and government policy practitioners are doctorate-holders.

Responding to these social demands,

our doctoral program trains students in the advanced research skills necessary to develop original questions from their research, construct and assess potential solutions that synthesize expert knowledge from various disciplines, and move these solutions quickly into practice with an international perspective, communicating with diverse stakeholders. Our graduates will be policy professionals superbly equipped to handle specialist tasks and take the lead in core areas of society—whether they are leading policy development on diverse and complex social issues critical to state operation, representing the government in difficult international negotiations, leading international discussion at international organizations and research institutions, leading major multinational corporate projects that stimulate industry, or effecting social transformation as social entrepreneurs.

## International Public Policy, Doctoral Program

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- ▶ **The Program can be completed entirely in English**
- ▶ **20 credits and doctoral thesis, 3-year program**
- ▶ **Degree to Confer: Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy**
- ▶ **Annual Intake: 6 places**
- ▶ **Admission Requirements include:**
  - a) **Master's thesis or its equivalent**
  - b) **Foundation of specialized knowledge of either Law and Politics or Economics at master level is required to begin the program**

**Notes:** If you specialize in law and politics in this PhD program, it is desirable that you have a level of knowledge equivalent to what is provided in introductory economic courses. If you specialize in economics, it is desirable that you have a level of knowledge equivalent to what is provided in introductory politics/law courses.

# Field of Research

The program focuses on International Finance and Development and International Security, both taking an international and interdisciplinary perspectives.

## International Finance and Development

The globalization of economic activities and the swift transformation of social and political systems amidst rapid scientific and technological advance are increasing the need to address issues from a broad international perspective even when developing and operating financial and fiscal policy and trade and development policy. Drawing on the economic development experience particularly of Japan and other Asian countries, the program addresses public policy research grounded in the disciplines of *Law and Politics* and *Economics* in relation to the design and operation of financial and fiscal policy and trade and development policy, as well as the systemic frameworks underpinning these.

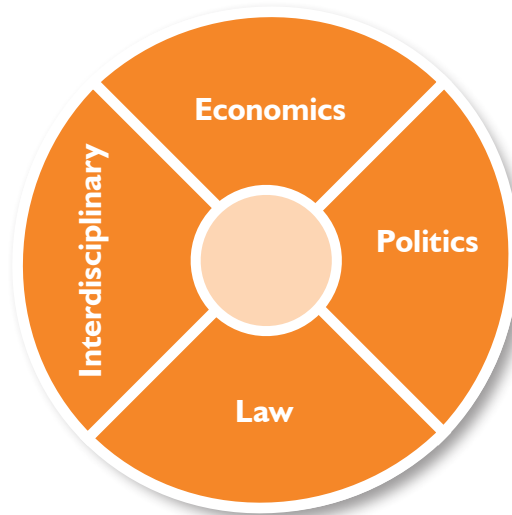
## International Security

Globalization and intensifying interconnectedness in the international environment adds to the growing complexity of threats and risks that must be dealt with. In terms of traditional military security, the stable, fixed relations between countries that persisted during the Cold War have become more fluid. The involvement of non-state actors, the frequency of civil wars and other conflicts have generated debates about the changing character of war. We now need to address supply risks related to energy, food, water, mineral resources, and production supply chains. Global warming and natural disasters also invite greater involvement of science and technology in policy making, where safety and security risks are increasingly intertwined. The juncture between security and development is increasingly important as recent cases of migration and political demography show. Taking an international and interdisciplinary perspective, this component of the doctoral program addresses public policy research on security challenges grounded in the disciplines of *Law and Politics* and *Economics*.



# Curriculum Structure

## Two Key Research Areas from Four Perspectives (International Finance and Development / International Security)



### Degree Requirement: 20 credits and Doctoral Thesis



## Core Curriculum—Compulsory (10 credits)

### D1: Research Design Seminar (2 credits)

Students learn to recognize the different perspectives of different fields and learn about research methods and research ethics. Each student also selects a research theme framed in such a way that they can explain it even to a specialist in a different field.

### D2: Project Seminar (2 credits)

Students design and implement research projects related to real-world policy issues and present their results, receiving input and feedback from practitioners.

### D1, D2 & D3: International Public Policy Research (6 credits)

Thesis preparation for the various majors is undertaken with supervision under the charge of a main supervisor along with collaborating supervisors. Students develop their research question and then engage in a research project that includes a real-world component. In the final examination, policy implications of doctoral thesis and implementation challenge of those policies will be also discussed.



# Elective Courses (minimum of 10 credits) (excerpted version)

## International Finance and Development

- 5171001** Economic Crisis
- 5171002** Poverty, Inequality and Development
- 5171003** International Financial Policy
- 5171004** Development Economics: Microeconomic Approach
- 5171005** Development Economics: Macroeconomic Approach
- 5171006** Advanced Development Economics I
- 5171007** Monetary Policy
- 5171008** International Trade Policy
- 5171009** Central Banking
- 5171012** Natural Resource and Environmental Economics
- 5172001** Domestic Foundations of International Politics / International Political Economy
- 5172002** Governance and Development
- 5174001** International Projects
- 5174002** International Intellectual Property Management

## International Security

- 5175001** Security Studies
- 5175002** New Dimensions of Security in the Risk Age
- 5175003** Insurgency and Counterinsurgency
- 5175004** Transformation of Warfare and Technology
- 5175005** International Conflict Study
- 5175006** Science, Technology and Public Policy
- 5175007** The Politics and Diplomacy of Contemporary China
- 5175008** International Politics in East Asia
- 5175009** Conflict Prevention and Post-Conflict Politics
- 5175010** 国際政治経済の諸問題 (J) (Topics in International Political Economy)
- 5175011** アメリカ政治外交史 (J) (Seminar in American Political Diplomatic History)
- 5177001** Risk and Regulatory Policy
- 5177002** 災害・リスクと経済 (J) (Disasters, Risks, and Economy)
- 5178001** Resilience Engineering
- 5178002** Energy Systems
- 5178003** Global Health Policy
- 5179001** Social Design and Global Leadership

Language: No mark=English, (J)=Japanese

## The University of Tokyo Online Course Catalogue

\*subject to faculty availability

<http://catalog.he.u-tokyo.ac.jp/index>

# Research Opportunities

Doctoral students may also have the opportunity to engage with research conducted in various GraSPP and other affiliated research units listed below.

## Research Units at GraSPP and PARI

- **ITPU (International Transport Policy Research Unit)**

ITPU strives to contribute to solutions to emergent international transport challenges by supporting leading-edge research on transportation policy.

- **SciTePP (Science Technology and Public Policy)**

SciTePP addresses the nexus between science technology and public policy. Within SciTePP, we have two units, namely PADIT (Public Administration and IT) and TECUSE (Technology Transfer under Sustainable Economy).

- **Ocean Policy Unit**

The Ocean Policy Unit adopts a comprehensive approach to understanding the increasingly complicated challenges associated with governance of oceans and strives to improve governance of oceans by stakeholders.

- **STIG (Science, Technology and Innovation Governance Research and Education Program)**

STIG runs interdisciplinary educational programs to train personnel who will be responsible for science and technology governance.

- **PARI (Policy Alternative Research Institute)**

— SSU (the Security Studies Unit)

SSU focuses on a pressing number of issues concerning the future of security in the East Asian region and its institutionalization, the reciprocal relations between security and economic interdependence, the rise of new conceptualizations of security and the examination of the related political processes.

- **PARI (Policy Alternative Research Institute)**

— The Complex Risk Governance Policy Research Unit

The Complex Risk Governance Policy Research Unit endeavors to identify the challenge and intend to propose a recommendation for social decision making and management directed towards complex risk governance.

- **PARI (Policy Alternative Research Institute)**

— Risks in the Global Economy: Analysis and Policy Research Unit



The Unit aims to propose policies to contain risks in the global economy, with special attention to Japan. A particular concern is the recent surge of protectionism worldwide, especially in advanced countries.

## Other Research Facilities

- **Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia**

The Institute aims to further its academic pursuits in today's turbulent climate through both interdisciplinary research and the exploration of new fields of study regarding Asia, by making steady progress and bringing to light the results of our research.

- **Institute of Social Science (ISS)**

ISS aims to support the construction of a "democratic and peace-loving nation" by promoting empirical social science based on systematic collection of data and conducting comparative studies of high academic standards.

## GraSPP Endowed Chairs

- **Energy Security and Environment**

This endowment funds research on energy policy and environmental policy, and runs



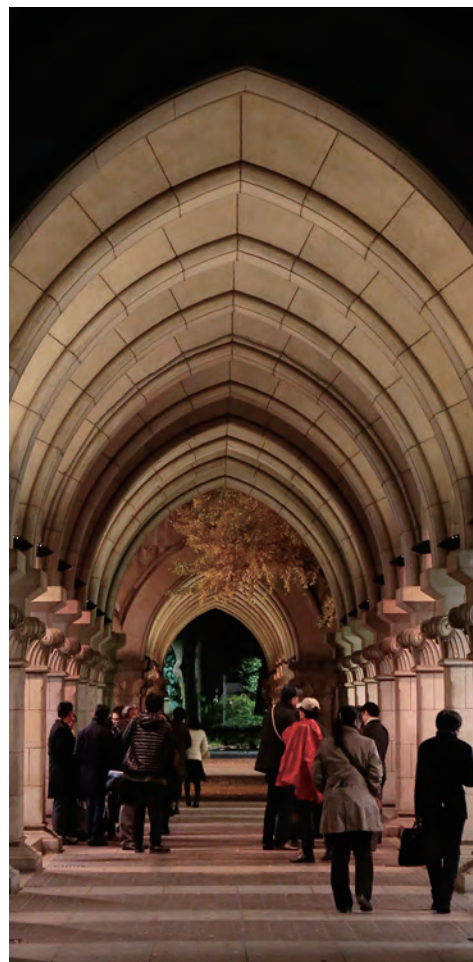
seminars to explore important global energy and environmental issues.

- **Health Technology Assessment and Public Policy**

This endowment conducts research on public policy and systems related to health technology assessment, method and experimental study on health technology assessment, and training of future leaders concerning health assessment in Japan.

- **Capital Market and Public Policy**

This course enables research on increasing important capital market from the perspective of public policy in order to train highly competent specialists.



# Faculty Members

## Main Supervisors



### **AOI, Chiyuki**

(Area of Expertise) International security, Transformation of warfare  
(Past Appointments) Academic Programme Officer at United Nations University, Professor at Aoyama Gakuin University  
Visiting Research Fellow at King's College London (Dept. of War Studies)



### **BEMS, Rudolfs**

(Area of Expertise) International trade, International finance, Macroeconomics  
(Past Appointments) Economist at the European Central Bank, Economist at the International Monetary Fund



### **FUJIWARA, Kiichi**

(Area of Expertise) International politics, International conflict, Politics in East Asia  
(Past Appointments) Associate Professor at Chiba University, Associate Professor at the University of Tokyo



### **FUWA, Nobuhiko**

(Area of Expertise) Development economics, Applied econometrics  
(Past Appointments) Economist at the World Bank, Professor at Waseda University



### **HENG, Yee Kuang**

(Area of Expertise) International security, Risk and globalization, Soft power in the Asia-Pacific  
(Past Appointments) Assistant Professor at University of St Andrews, Associate Professor at National University of Singapore



### **IIZUKA, Toshiaki**

(Area of Expertise) Health economics, Industrial organization  
(Past Appointments) Assistant Professor at Vanderbilt University, Professor at Aoyama Gakuin University, Professor at Keio University



### **MORI, Tadashi**

(Area of Expertise) International law  
(Past Appointment) Professor at Tokyo Metropolitan University



### **OHASHI, Hiroshi**

(Area of Expertise) Industrial organization, Competition policy  
(Past Appointments) Assistant Professor at the University of British Columbia, Associate Professor at the University of Tokyo



### **SHIROYAMA, Hideaki**

(Area of Expertise) International public administration, Science, Technology and Public Policy  
(Past Appointment) Associate Professor at the University of Tokyo



### **TAKASAKI, Yoshito**

(Area of Expertise) Development economics, Resource economics, Applied microeconomics  
(Past Appointments) Associate Professor and Professor at the University of Tsukuba



### **TANABE, Kuniaki**

(Area of Expertise) Public administration, Policy analysis, Policy assessment  
(Past Appointments) Associate Professor at Tohoku University, Associate Professor at the University of Tokyo



### **UEDA, Kenichi**

(Area of Expertise) International finance, Development economics, Macroeconomics, Finance  
(Past Appointments) Economist and Senior Economist at the International Monetary Fund



## Collaborating Supervisors



**HIWATARI, Nobuhiro**

(Area of Expertise) Political economy, International political economy



**IIDA, Keisuke**

(Area of Expertise) International political economy



**KUBO, Fumiaki**

(Area of Expertise) Political and diplomatic history in America



**MAEDA, Kentaro**

(Area of Expertise) Public administration



**OGUSHI, Kazuo**

(Area of Expertise) Contemporary politics in Latin America, Comparative politics



**SATO, Jin**

(Area of Expertise) Development studies, Politics of natural resources



**SAWADA, Yasuyuki**

(Area of Expertise) Development economics, International economics



**TAKAHARA, Akio**

(Area of Expertise) Politics in contemporary China, International relations in East Asia



**TANIGUCHI, Masaki**

(Area of Expertise) Contemporary politics in Japan



## Messages from the Ph.D. Students



**Shaun Ketch**

the program with great care and attention and are committed to providing us with the resources and support necessary to conduct meaningful research that has the potential to advance thinking in our respective fields.

As an incoming doctoral student here, you will have opportunities to present your research early and often with renowned supervisors, who I've found to be both accessible and happy to be helpful. I wanted to continue my studies at GraSPP because of this supportive academic culture and its truly interdisciplinary approach to understanding the most pressing policy issues the world faces today. Doctoral students here are encouraged to approach their research from various academic and practitioner perspectives beyond their own specializations, in efforts to produce wholistic policy research that bridges divides.

Further, GraSPP, as a premier global policy school with a growing international network, offers opportunities for doctoral students to

It is a great privilege to be among the inaugural group of Ph.D. students entering GraSPP in 2016. It is clear that the faculty and administration are dedicated to the doctoral program's successful launch. They have designed

conduct international fieldwork through exchange relationships with the best policy schools from around the world. Where studying abroad can be considered an unnecessary luxury for doctoral students in many academic disciplines, it is a great advantage for students of international public policy.

I also thought that this was the right time to conduct International Public Policy research. After a period of globalization, a new era has emerged. Regional power shifts, rising nationalisms, the resurgence of geopolitics, and the rise of populism have ushered in an era of uncertainty and threatened the stability of established global institutions and the prevailing international order. This has made the study of International Public Policy more pressing, more interesting and more challenging.

For anyone considering doctoral level research in international relations or public policy, I highly recommend that you give GraSPP a very close look. Your doctoral committee will be world-class. The administrators are helpful and kind, and will help you navigate your life and studies in Japan. GraSPP grants you access to the broader UTokyo system and to its top-tier international partner schools. Bring your academic talents to our program, where we are committed to the public solution of the great problems of our time.

With 7 years working experience in the field of development and aid projects under Japanese government schemes in different countries, I joined GraSPP for a Master's degree to advance my knowledge and to continue working effectively in the field of development and aid projects. However, the turning point came to me at the end of my 1st year in GraSPP. I took a class called "Development Studies" and it taught me the importance of seeing phenomena by asking the right questions rather than giving the correct answer.

This exciting experience gave me a spark and led me to the academic world. While working on my Master's thesis, I closely examined the Japanese rural areas, which face post-development challenges such as depopulation, ageing, abandoned natural resources and shrinking communities. This is the critical issue that all Asian countries will have to address sooner or later. My research interest for my Ph.D. is about re-evaluating rural development and urbanization. In the past, rural development pushed populations into urban areas and successfully developed urban areas but rural areas were left behind and

kept underdeveloped. The more development projects come into rural areas, the faster they push urbanization instead of developing rural areas themselves. I believe that GraSPP's program provides practical

training and resources that will help me to be a professional with skills and strength working with people from diverse cultures and ethnicities.

However, the reality is that there is a typical idea that a "Ph.D. holder is useless in society", and it may be true if we do not contribute to a real society through sticking to our own narrow interests. Our mission is to challenge this social norm as a GraSPP Ph.D. student and I believe the faculty members share the same ideas. We are here to connect social issues and academics and be critical positively for both areas, and create meaningful questions for society. GraSPP is a frontier for this and our challenging journey has only just started.



**Rei Asada**

# Funding

## Scholarships

### Apply through GraSPP

- Todai Fellowship

### Open Track

- Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia (JISPA) Open Track
- Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)

## Fees

**Examination Fee:** JPY 30,000 for applicants residing in Japan; JPY 10,000 for applicants residing outside Japan

**Admission Fee:** JPY 282,000

**Annual Tuition Fee for AY2017/2018:** JPY 520,800

Also refer to the UTokyo website:

[http://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/prospective-students/tuition\\_fees.html](http://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/prospective-students/tuition_fees.html)



# How to Apply

## Application

Download Application Package form GraSPP website and read it thoroughly.

<http://www.pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/education/doctoral-course/>



Fill out the Forms and prepare all the supporting documents and print them out



Pay the Examination Fee



Ship the complete Application by registered mail or international delivery service



Send the Application Form (Form#1) ONLY by e-mail to the Admissions Office (ppin@j.u-tokyo.ac.jp) including the information of the date of sending the Application, means of shipping and its tracking number



**Notification of Application Number from the Admission Office**

## Screening Schedule

### First Recruitment (April/September Enrollment)

**Application Period:** December 1, 2017 - January 4, 2018

**Announcement of Candidates to be interviewed:** February 2, 2018

**Interview:** February 9 through 13, 2018

**Announcement of Admitted Candidates:** February 23, 2018

### Second Recruitment (September 2018/ April 2019 Enrollment)

**Application Period:** April 9, 2018 - May 21, 2018

**Announcement of Candidates to be interviewed:** June 8, 2018

**Interview:** June 18 through 19, 2018

**Announcement of Admitted Candidates:** June 22, 2018

## Contact Us

### GraSPP PhD Admissions Office

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