

November 22, 2021

Case Study (International Field Workshop)

Course No. 5140730-2

2021A2 (intensive)

GUIDANCE NOTE ON REGISTRATION

Objective

This course will provide students with opportunities to discuss current public policy issues with professionals in international organizations and research institutions—the scope is narrower than originally planned due to the continued COVID-19 restrictions—in the United States. The aim is to help students identify today’s public policy challenges and design solutions. Students’ active participation is required throughout the course to lead discussion with professionals on public policy issues agreed upon at the planning stage. Networking with professionals is expected to help broaden students’ future career opportunities.

Format and schedule

The field workshop—in a virtual format due to COVID-19 restrictions—is tentatively scheduled for a period between February 22 and March 12, 2022 and organized as a series of virtual sessions with professionals in our target organizations. The overarching theme is “*Sustainable, resilient and inclusive societies beyond the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change challenges.*” Our target organizations are Brookings Institution, International Monetary Fund (IMF), and World Bank Group in Washington, DC; and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and UN Women in New York.

Teaching methods

Each student is required to prepare a proposal in line with the following guidelines and at virtual sessions to lead discussion with professionals about public policy issues agreed upon at the planning stage.

- Proposals should define public policy issues to be discussed under the overarching theme.
- Issues to be discussed should involve global and strategic perspectives.
- Issues to be discussed should lead to some policy implications.
- Issues to be discussed should be relevant to the fields covered by our target organizations.

Each student is also required to submit a blogpost-style report on the chosen topic, which should be well articulated and enriched by discussion during the field workshop.

Course requirements and grading

The course grade will be based on:

- Preparation 30%
- Participation 40%
- Individual report 30%

Registration

Students willing to take this course need to have temporary enrollment status by self-registering via ITC-LMS and to submit a proposal as instructed below.

1. Choose your target organization (or two organizations, if you wish).
 - Brookings Institution
 - International Monetary Fund (IMF)
 - The World Bank Group
 - United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
 - UN Women
2. Search the organization's website to identify a topic of your interest as well as an organizational unit or an individual professional specialized in the topic.
3. Write a proposal to define an issue or issues to be discussed in the context of "*Sustainable, resilient and inclusive societies beyond the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change challenges*" with your motivation of the choice behind clearly stated (**not more than 400 words**).
4. Submit your proposal together **with your CV via ITC-LSM by Monday, December 6, 2021**.
5. Any student with temporary enrollment status if considered by the instructor not ready for preparing and leading discussion with professionals would be asked to postpone the participation until future occasions.

Only students who have passed the pre-registration screening are allowed to register via UTAS by the end of the A2 registration period (December 6-10). The total number of students allowed to participate will be limited up to about six due to the nature of the course involving a series of intensive discussion. Non-registered students are invited to participate in virtual sessions as observers.

Please do not count credits for this course to satisfy your completion requirements if you plan to graduate in March 2022.

To help students better understand the objective and procedure, an online information session will be held on **Monday, November 29 from 12:20 to 12:50**. The URL for the information session is given on ITC-LMS.
