



GPPN Student Conference 2013 Tokyo

Conference Details

Global Public Policy Network (GPPN)

GPPN is a partnership between Columbia University, FGV-EAESP, the University of Tokyo, the Hertie School of Governance, the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, the Institute of Public Affairs at LSE, and Sciences Po, Paris. GPPN is global in two ways: the global spread of its members and its subject focus on emerging global trends in public policy. The mission of GPPN is to address the most pressing public policy challenges of the 21st century and, as a result, to have policy impact, to be influential in public policy education and training, and to be innovative in teaching and research.

In order to facilitate cooperation among students and faculties of GPPN member schools, GPPN has held an annual conference since 2006. It consists of a Faculty Conference and a Student Conference, both addressing diverse topics relevant to issues that the world is facing in the public policy making process. This year, the GPPN Conference will be hosted by the Graduate School of Public Policy at the University of Tokyo for the first time in its history.

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The past decade has been filled with economic, political, and international security obstacles. The world has been trying to learn lessons from these hurdles and seek new directions for the coming decades. Policy makers in both the public and private sectors should recognize that public policies made in times of new challenges can determine the shape of the future world; in that sense, public policy schools also need to have a longer term views. Thus, the GPPN Conference 2013 explores *"Public Policy for 2020: Medium-Term Agenda for a Better Vision"*.

Under this main theme, the GPPN Student Conference 2013 will address the following three sub-themes.

1) How do we balance national interests with economic integration?

The fiscal crisis in Europe since 2010 triggered intense discussions over the support for countries with severe fiscal deficits. This implies that one country's interests do not necessarily match with those of the regional organization, and that the community needs a coordination mechanism between the sometimes incompatible goals of different stakeholders. This question asks you to suggest appropriate measures to address the disparity between national and regional interests, and to provide basis for other regional frameworks in other

regions.

2) How to formulate policy for international security and the peaceful resolution of international conflicts?

While world wars have not occurred since 1945, the 21st century has brought a new type of conflict, often conducted under the name of humanitarian intervention. However, these interventions tend to result in a large number of casualties and increased regional instability. This sub-theme asks you to identify the ideal policy instruments for achieving a stable international security environment and the peaceful settlement of conflicts.

3) What are the roles and responsibilities of public institutions in times of crisis?

The 3.11 Great East Japan Earthquake has revealed the flaws of Japan's crisis management, particularly in assigning roles and responsibilities among public and public sectors. Ever since the earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear accidents, there have been active debates over how national and local government, NGOs, NPOs, and other related agencies have dealt with the accidents. This question asks you to consider to what extent the government and the public sector should manage crises, including various types of crises such as financial crises, armed conflicts, and so forth. The question also invites you to consider the role of international organizations in crises.

Application Procedures

Applicants' paper must be based on one of the Conference sub-themes. Students may work individually or in groups with up to three participants. All students of GPPN member schools, including students in Dual Degree and Exchange study abroad programs, are eligible. Applicants should submit the following two documents in PDF format.

- 1) Short-essay (1000 Words)
- 2) Application Form

Applicants should send the documents to the GPPN Organizing Committee, Communication Division, GraSPP Team by e-mail (gppn.tokyo2013.graspp@gmail.com). The submission deadline is **Wednesday, October 16th, 2013 at 11:59pm (JST)**.

Applicants selected for the Conference will be notified by Monday, October 28th, 2013. Selected applicants must submit a registration form by Friday, November 8th, 2013. The conference will be held on December 7th and 8th, 2013.