

**Call for Application: GraSPP Policy Challenge “SDG Technology and Policy Innovation Lab”  
-Apply, collaborate internationally and go to Paris!!**

GraSPP Policy Challenge (GPC) is a brand new initiative at GraSPP, in which Japanese and international students collaborate and seek to improve their teambuilding and policy-making skills. Participants are tasked with responding to pressing real-world policy challenges as a group, and with designing policies and proposals in response to those challenges.

All GraSPP students are strongly encouraged to apply. Four or five finalist groups will be ultimately invited to present at the GPPN Student Conference\* at SciencesPo Paris in February 2017.

This year, it is proposed that the GPPN partners and their student groups undertake a “**SDG Technology and Policy Innovation Lab.**” The purpose of this lab would be to mobilize student intelligence to develop creative technology and policy solutions to challenges around the **UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**. Students would be invited to produce either short applied concept papers or applied projects.

**You will be tasked to develop creative solutions around the below core Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):**

- **SDG 3- Good Health and Well-Being**
- **SDG 7- Affordable and Clean Energy**
- **SDG11 – Sustainable cities and communities – make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.**
- **SDG12 – Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns – that would open up innovation across many sectors such as water, energy, food, ending hunger, nutrition, extractive industries, transport systems, climate change, etc.**
- **SDG13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.**
- **SDG16: Promote just, peaceful and inclusive societies.**

**SDG Technology and Policy Innovation Lab, February 2017**

You will be working in a group to prepare either a concept paper or student-designed projects and prototypes\* that use ICTs, policy innovation, and/or data analytics to address public policy challenges that have been identified by the SDGs. The goal is to develop concrete ideas and prototypes that are solution-oriented. Solutions may be market-based, public/philanthropic supported, or a mix.

\* Some examples from the applied innovative projects of the 2016 Summer School “Biopolis”, presented by mixing students from Sciences Po, Harvard (department of biology) and the Center of interdisciplinary research:

<https://thebiopolis.com/2016/08/08/2016-student-projects/>

### <Credits>

You can register this initiative as a Case Study course” **GraSPP Policy Challenge – SDG Technology and Policy Innovation Lab I’ (5140735 / PhD: 5179003)** in A2 term. Those who submit a policy proposal or prototype of quality by the deadline (31st January) will earn 2 credits. Grades: Pass/fail

\*For more information on the course, please check the course syllabus.

### <Application>

Please apply individually through the online form: <https://goo.gl/9N3Tji> by **11th October**. Each student will be assigned into a group considering the themes and nationality etc. Announcement of the working groups will be made by 14th October. Course registration for A2 term is required separately to earn credits.

### <Eligibility>

Must be a student who is currently enrolled in GraSPP

### <Schedule>

- **12:00-13:00, 4th October 2016:** Orientation at Room101, School of Law Bldg.
- **11th October 2016:** Application deadline
- **By 14th October 2016:** Announcement of the Groups
- **13th November 2016:** Deadline for Research Proposal\*  
\*Submit research proposals within 2,000 words describing a problem, its significance for the SDGs outlined and outlining a possible solution.
- **14th - 27th November:** Feedback on research proposals
- **28th November - 2nd December:** Course Registration
- **20th December (TBC):** Presentation and selection of GPPN Delegation
- **By 26th December:** Announcement of Finalists
- **31st January 2017:** Deadline for submission of a) final policy proposal (7,000 words) or b) prototype with PowerPoint presentation
- **17th – 19th February:** Presentation at the GPPN Student Conference 2017 at SciencesPo, Paris

### <Financial Support attending the conference in Paris>

For the finalist groups who are going to attend the **GPPN Student Conference 2017 at the SciencesPo, Paris**, a flat amount of JPY 100,000\* will be subsidized as travel expenses. \*\*.

\*The payment will be reimbursed after your return. You must submit your flight ticket stubs and a report within one week after the conference.

\*\* Those who are applying through GSDM and STIG offices must follow the instructions on the respective websites.

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**\*GPPN Student Conference 2017 hosted by Sciences Po, Paris**

**Date: Fri & Sat, Sun, 17th to 19th February 2017**

\*GraSPP is a part of the Global Public Policy Network (GPPN) and delegates its students to the GPPN Student Conference every year. In February 2017, GPPN Student Conference will take place at SciencesPo Paris.

The Global Public Policy Network (GPPN) is a partnership between SIPA-Columbia University, FGV-EAESP, GrasPP-University of Tokyo, Hertie School of Governance, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Institute of Public Affairs at LSE and Sciences Po, Paris.

GPPN holds annual conferences consisting of faculty conference and student conference hosted by each member school in rotation every year. It offers a valuable opportunity for all students and faculty members of GPPN member schools to convene in one place and strengthen relations and further understanding of public policy issues through the exchange of knowledge and activities.

At the GPPN Student Conference, students from partner schools are invited to present and discuss papers, apart from establishing a network of future leaders.

Related Resources: <http://www.pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/international-exchange/gppn/>

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