

## Call for Application

### GraSPP Policy Challenge 2019:

#### *Global Innovative Public Policy Solutions*

Apply, collaborate internationally and go to London!

*Do you have a proposed solution to an important public policy problem?*

*Can you apply your analytical skills to solve a policy issue?*

*Do you want to showcase your idea during an international conference?*

*Do you want to meet creative students from all around the world?*

GraSPP Policy Challenge (GPC) offers the unique opportunity to students from diverse background to 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 students from GraSPP/STIG/GSDM are strongly encouraged to apply. Finalist groups will be ultimately invited to present at the GPPN Student Conference\* at London School of Economics and Political Sciences in March 2020.

#### <Submit Your Proposal!>

##### ➤ **Theme: 'Inequality'**

This broad theme can be interpreted from many different perspectives: as well as wealth or income inequality we also witness inequality of societal outcomes and of opportunities; gender, ethnic and religious inequality; inequality resulting from the climate emergency; resource inequality; inequality between global regions but also within nation states (geographically and societally); inequality of rights; inequality of access to food, healthcare, technology and education; and inequality of personal safety. Any of these inequalities, and many others in addition, would fit within the scope of the theme of the conference.

##### ➤ **The Challenge**

In this context, we invite students to identify an important policy challenge in any field related to inequality and in any regional, international or national context. Proposals can incorporate public, private

or hybrid approaches as appropriate.

We are looking for student presentations on public policy proposals that demonstrate:

- A precise identification and analysis of an important and pressing public policy problem; this precise analysis of the problem will need to be clear prior to discussion of any possible solutions
- A strong use of analytics and empirics and how these can be applied to inform a solution to the public policy problem identified
- An astute understanding of how policy solutions can be implemented given the interests of the policy actors in the chosen context
- A clear awareness of when similar solutions have been tried in the past, why they were successful or how they can be amended in order to be successful in the future.

### ➤ **Criteria**

Your proposal and presentation will be assessed against the following criteria, which are equally weighted. These are the same criteria as will be used at the conference.

- a) Policy analysis and strength of design (i.e. if it is based on sound analytical principles) (25%),
- b) Implementation concerns including awareness of stakeholder interests (25%),
- c) Mechanisms for learning, self-correction and refinement over time (25%), and
- d) Quality of presentation (25%).

### <Application>

Please form a group of 4-5 members\* with different background and apply through the online form: <https://forms.gle/gafVQknrWEERzPTV7> by **9 October**. You may also apply individually and leave GraSPP to find your teammates. Announcement of the groups and advisors will be made **by 11 October**.



\*Your group must consist of:

- a) 4-5 Master's students who are **currently enrolled in GraSPP, STIG or/and GSDM**

*\*PhD students are also welcome to join the project but not allowed to participate in the GPPN Conference in London.*

- b) Students from diverse background including at least one Japanese and preferably with STIG or/and GSDM students

### <Schedule> (TBC)

- **1 October:** Info Session
- **9 October:** Application deadline
- **11 October:** Briefing Session - Announcement of the Advisors and groupings
- **8 November:** Deadline for Research Proposal
- **11- 24 November:** Feedback on research proposals
- **25 - 29 November:** A2 Course Registration
- **16 December:** Presentation and selection of GPPN Delegation
- **By 20 December:** Announcement of Finalists
- **20 January 2020:** Deadline for submission of PPT slides and a final policy proposal
- **Between 27 January – 7 February:** Presentation Rehearsal (\*GPPN participants only)
- **28 February – 1 March:** Attend the GPPN Student Conference 2020 at LSE, London UK

### <Credits>

You can register this initiative as a Case Study course “**GraSPP Policy Challenge – Global Innovative Public Policy Solutions**” (5140735 / PhD: 5179003) in A2 term. Those who complete all the requirements will earn 2 credits. (Grades: Pass/fail)

\* Course registration for A2 term is required separately to earn credits. [For more information, please check the course syllabus.](#) This course can be taken repeatedly and counted as up to 4 credits.

### <Financial Support for attending the GPPN conference in London>

For the participants of the GPPN Student Conference 2020 to be held in London, a flat amount of JPY 100,000 will be subsidized as travel expense.

- The reimbursement will be made after your return upon submission of the air ticket stubs and a report.
- Accommodation for 3 nights will be arranged by LSE.

### <Inquiry>

Don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding the course.

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## \*GPPN Annual 2020 Conference hosted by LSE

29 February - 1 March, 2020

London School of Economics and Political Sciences will host the 2020 international conference of the Global Public Policy Network on Saturday 29 February and Sunday 1 March 2020. Selected students will have the opportunity to present their projects to the Deans of 7 of the most prestigious schools of public affairs, as well as network with students from all over the world.

Teams will each give a presentation on the first day of the conference of up to 3 minutes. Up to 10 teams/proposals will be given detailed feedback by the Jury of Deans and selected to present on the second day of the conference, for up to 5 minutes followed by questions from the Jury.

### \*What is the GPPN?

Founded in 2005, the Global Public Policy Network is an international group of seven top public policy schools from around the world:

- *School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), Columbia University; New York, U.S.*
- *Institute of Public Affairs (IPA), London School of Economics and Political Science; London, UK*
- *School of Public Affairs, Sciences Po; Paris, France*
- *Hertie School; Berlin, Germany*
- *Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore (NUS); Singapore*
- *Graduate School of Public Policy (GraSPP), University of Tokyo; Tokyo, Japan*
- *Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV), Escola de Administração de Empresas de São Paulo ; São Paulo, Brazil*

Since its founding, members of the GPPN have organized annual conferences for the students and deans from member schools to meet and discuss pressing issues of global public policy. GPPN members have also established exchange and dual degrees programs, allowing students to benefit from this international network of the most prestigious public affairs schools in the world.

To learn more about the GPC and GPPN conference, you can find the past projects via the following links:

<https://www.gppnetwork.org/>

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