



## Case Study GraSPP Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Fieldwork Application Guideline



We are excited to offer you the unique opportunity to apply for our new course, **GraSPP Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Fieldwork**, a Case Study course providing innovative training and international collaboration exploring ways to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals. As part of the United Nation's 2030 Agenda, having specialized knowledge and hands-on experience on how to meet the SDGs is in high demand from government agencies, international organizations, private companies and social sector at every scale. The UN 2030 Agenda and SDG partnerships truly represent a global effort from the public and private sectors, at the international and local level, to respond to the most challenging questions of our time.

GraSPP SDG Fieldwork is intended to provide the students with the chance of interacting with relevant International Organizations, NGOs, Japanese and foreign government officials, business organisations, in order to enhance their understanding of the Sustainable Development Goals in their practical and organisational challenges. The course also aims at developing the students' professionalism, ability to communicate in complex environments, internationalisation, and networking.

Students (a maximum of eight divided in two teams) will undergo training in a short series of meetings, while they formulate their projects. Each student will develop a part of a collective project together with his/her team, identifying relevant target institutions in Europe. The projects should aim at analysing, discussing, and proposing policies for the advancement of one or more SDG goals. Finally, each team will submit a video, and each student will submit an individual report.

### Why apply? ---Participants of SDGs Fieldwork will also benefit from:

- A multidisciplinary approach to SDG implementation and a multicultural experience
- Development of a diverse profile in a highly demanded field by recruiters in a wide variety of sectors
- Access to a network of globally trained professionals
- Critical skills to work in the public sector, multilateral institutions, international NGOs and multinational companies

### Structure :

This course is centred on a series of discussion sessions with senior officials, management staff and experts in government agencies, international organizations, global business entities, NGOs, and research institutions mostly located in Europe. Students are required to prepare such sessions while working on their project (as team and as individuals responsible for particular parts of the team project).



In order to successfully complete the course, students are required to:

- Attend all the regular meetings / preparation to be held from 30 October .
- Attend the field trip in Europe in mid-January
- Work on the production of a concrete public policy project addressing at least one SDG, which shall yield the following deliverables:
  - Individual Report (3-page)
  - 3-5 minute video illustrating your project (by group)

### **Schedule : <TBC>**

The field workshop is tentatively scheduled to take place in the middle of January 2020 to visit selected countries in Europe.

- **1 October:** Info session
- **14 October:** Application deadline
- **15 - 17 October:** Document Screening
- **18 October:** Result of Document Screening & Announcement for Interviews
- **23 October:** Interviews
- **By 28 October:** Result & Confirmation of Participation
- **From 28 October:** Regular ongoing meetings / preparations
- **25 - 29 November:** A2 Course Registration
- **Mid-November to mid-December:** Travel Arrangements (flight, accommodation, visas etc.)
- **Mid-January 2020:** SDGs Fieldwork in Europe (Dates and location to be confirmed)
- **3 February :** Final Report Submission

\*Please note that:

-The elements above are subject to change and participation in the course indicates agreement that elements may be added, altered or dropped.

-Each program element is mandatory, and students will be automatically withdrawn from the program if they fail to attend any of the required elements.

### **Eligibility :**

- Any Master /Doctoral degree student enrolled in GraSPP is eligible.
- Selected candidates will be those with a strong international vocation/aspiration, ability to work in a team, strong ethical profile, highly developed communication skills, and high proficiency in English. Professional experience is preferred, but not strictly necessary.

### **How to Apply and Selection :**

Students need to submit a proposal, letter of motivation (both maximum 1,000 words) and CV to **GraSPP Office** ([intl\\_application@pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp](mailto:intl_application@pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp)) and cc: **Prof. Orsi** ([orsi@pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp](mailto:orsi@pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp)).

The proposal should contain the student's reflection on SDGs (even a particular one), sustainable development, global governance, and its challenges. The application deadline is **14 October 2019**.

The interviews of the short-listed candidates will be conducted on **23 October** as needed. (TBC)



**Note :**

Students willing to take this course need to pass a pre-registration screening to be held before the A2 registration period. To help students better understand the objective and procedure, an information session will be held in early October. The total number of students allowed to participate will be limited to a maximum of eight due to the nature of the course involving a series of intensive on-site discussions.

**Financial Support:**

Students will be reimbursed for reasonable travel costs (accommodation and airfare only) up to 200,000JPY to attend the field trip in Europe in January 2020 (upon presentation of travel receipts). Students should be responsible for all expenses and related costs in excess of these amounts. The expenses noted above are the only expenses that will be covered by GraSPP, so all applicants should plan accordingly (meals, local transportation, supplies, visas, additional travel, presentation materials, etc will not be covered by the program).

**Course Grading:**

The course grade will be based on preparation, participation and final report

**Course Professor - Prof. Roberto ORSI**



Prof. Roberto ORSI is currently Project Associate Professor at the Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Tokyo. He holds a PhD in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science, where he authored a dissertation about the concept of order in international politics. His main research interests are theory of international politics, critical theory, history of political concepts (especially European conservative thought) and East Asia regional security.

**Any Questions?**

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

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