



Call for Application

GraSPP Policy Challenge 2022: *Global Innovative Public Policy Solutions*

Can you propose workable solutions to important public policy problems?

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 a 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 Master's students at GraSPP and/or STIG are strongly encouraged to apply. Finalist groups will be ultimately invited to present at the GPPN Annual Conference 2023 hosted by FGV-EAESP in São Paulo in March 2023.

➤ **Theme**

'Policy challenges in an ever more divided world'

Recent electoral results across the world reveal an unprecedented degree of polarization and radicalization. As politics moves from uneasy cooperation to brazen contention, policy formulation and implementation become increasingly challenging. How to think of evidence-based policies in countries divided along value and information lines? Most importantly, how can policies help keep societies together, overcome deep political cleavages, and build lasting consensus? We are looking for creative solutions for policymakers and governments in areas as diverse as education, climate change, poverty alleviation, food security, minority rights, healthcare, public security, access to information, energy, among others.

➤ **The Challenge**

In this context, we invite students to work on an important policy challenge in any field identified as contentious in today's divided societies, looking into viable paths for consensus-building and evidence-based policies. 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 amended in order to be successful in the future.

➤ **Criteria**

Proposals will be assessed against the following criteria, which are equally weighted. These are the same criteria as will be used at the GPPN 2023 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%).

➤ **To apply:**

Students should form teams between 3 and 5 members and work together to develop their proposals. Each member should only participate in 1 team. The group must consist of 3-5 **Master's students who are currently enrolled in GraSPP and/or STIG** and apply via:

<https://forms.gle/ywUCQTHVvDQJRqfE6> **by 27 November**. You may also apply individually and leave GraSPP to find your teammates. The groups and advisors will be announced **by 29 November**.



➤ **Schedule (TBC)**

27 November: Application deadline

29 November: Briefing Session

6-12 December: A2 Course Registration

19-22 December (TBC): Presentation Screening - Selection of the GPPN Conference participants & Announcement of Finalists

31 January 2023: Deadline for submission of PPT slides and a final policy proposal

Mid-February (TBC): Presentation Rehearsal (*GPPN Conference participants only)

4-5 March: GPPN Conference 2023 in São Paulo

➤ **Credits**

This project is conducted as Case Study course “*GraSPP Policy Challenge – Global Innovative Public Policy Solutions*” (5140735) in A2. Those who complete all the requirements will be able to earn 2 credits. (Grades: Pass/Fail)

Course registration is required separately to earn credits, which will be done by GraSPP Office, not via UTAS. Students willing to participate in the course must pre-register via online registration form.

This course can be taken repeatedly and counted as up to 4 credits.

GPPN Annual Conference 2023
Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 March 2023
Hosted by the FGV-EAESP in São Paulo, Brazil

The Fundação Getulio Vargas São Paulo School of Business will host the 2023 international conference of the Global Public Policy Network (GPPN) on Saturday 4 March and Sunday 5 March 2023. **Students selected to participate will have the opportunity to present their projects to the Deans of eight of the most prestigious schools of public affairs as well as network with students from all over the world.**

➤ **Conditions for participation:**

We would like to make the GPPN conference a safe and enjoyable experience for all participants. Students will be required to show **proof of vaccination or immunization against Covid-19** before entering the campus of the São Paulo School of Business at FGV. Students who cannot be vaccinated will be required to present a valid antigen test less than 24 hours old before entering the campus. Students who do not fulfil these conditions will be refused access to the event and may be required to reimburse travel and accommodation costs.

➤ **Travel reimbursement:**

For participants of the 2023 GPPN Conference, a flat amount, JPY 150,000 will be subsidized as part of the travel expenses by GraSPP. ([*It will be reimbursed only after your return upon submission of the required documents.](#))

Accommodation in São Paulo (3 nights, check-in on Friday 3 March and check-out on Monday 6 March) will be paid for and arranged by FGV EAESP, with details provided to participants closer to the time.

Note:

Students should be responsible for all expenses exceeded the above amount. Please ensure to have sufficient funding to self-pay all additional costs including meals, additional accommodation, local

transportation, visa, travel insurance, medical expenditures that are not covered by the insurance (e.g. quarantine) etc.

***What is the GPPN?**

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

- *School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University; New York, U.S.*
- *Institute of Public Affairs, 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; Singapore*
- *Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Tokyo; Tokyo, Japan*
- *Fundação Getulio Vargas, Escola de Administração de Empresas de São Paulo; São Paulo, Brazil*
- *Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto (Associate Member); Toronto, Canada*

To learn more about GPPN, please visit: <https://www.gppnetwork.org/>

➤ **Inquiry**

For questions, feel free to contact:

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

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