

# MPP/IP

Master of Public Policy, International Program

Two-Year Master's Program

Graduate School of Public Policy, The University of Tokyo

## 2023-2024





## Forging a Future in Public Policy

The Graduate School of Public Policy (GraSPP) has trained professionals in diverse fields of public policy. GraSPP has provided academic education that balances economic policy, public administration and international relations, at rigorous academic standard, supporting practical lessons delivered by practitioners in the public sector.

The predominant aspect of GraSPP is its active pursuit of internationalization. Our Master of Public Policy, International Program (MPP/IP), which allows students to study for a master's degree exclusively in English, has also attracted a rising number of Japanese students since it was first offered in AY2010. Our students have extensive opportunities for study with exchange or double degree programs in place with a total of 13 leading universities globally, including Columbia University, Sciences Po, and London School of Economics (LSE). Many of them come with experience of working in the public sector. Having over 1,700 alumni from more than 60 countries to date, we are boosting networks with and among them.

Since the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic, our students and faculty have been teaching and learning remotely, and simultaneously, we provide in-person classes at our new International Academic Research Building. We prioritize the safety of our GraSPP community comprised of students, administrative staff and faculty members. I urge our students to make the most of the opportunities granted to forge themselves into leading public policy professionals.



Keisuke IIDA  
Dean  
Graduate School of Public Policy, The University of Tokyo

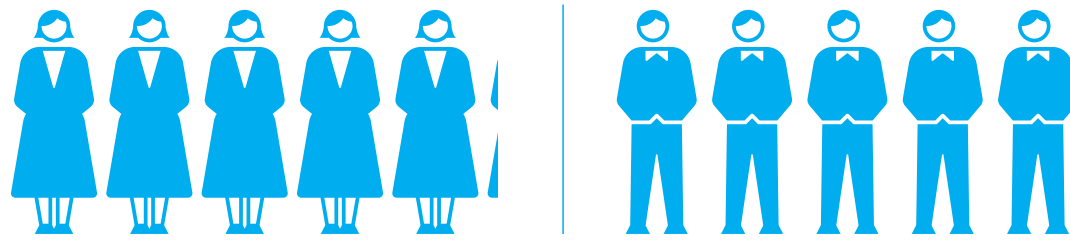




**Network with Future Global Leaders**

GraSPP is one of the most cosmopolitan graduate schools in Japan. About 50% of the student body is composed of international students from over 30 countries (both advanced and emerging economies). Student backgrounds are equally diverse: many entrants have just completed undergraduate studies while others are professionals from a variety of fields in the public and private sectors. About 45% of all courses are offered in English. Allowing Japanese students to take the same courses in English together with their international classmates forms the basis for strong friendships forged between them.

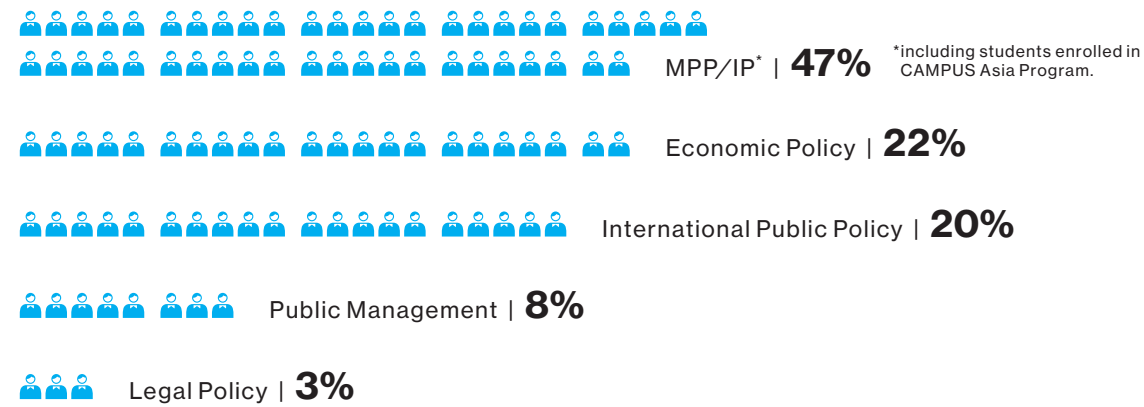
Female: **51%** | Male: **49%**



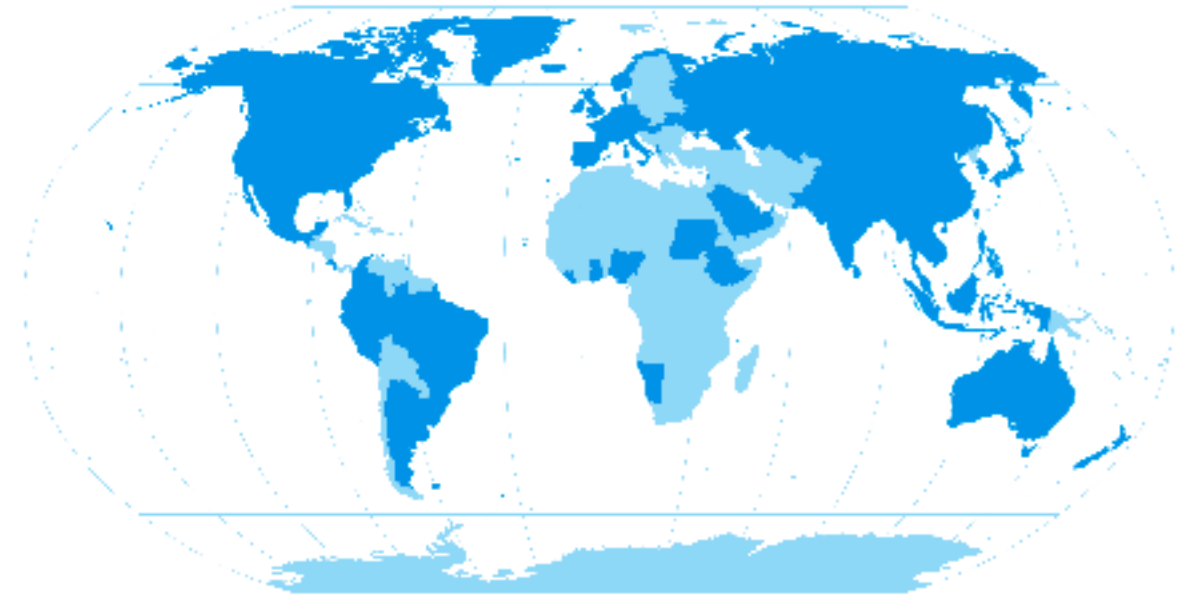
International students: **50%** | Japanese students: **50%**



**Programs**



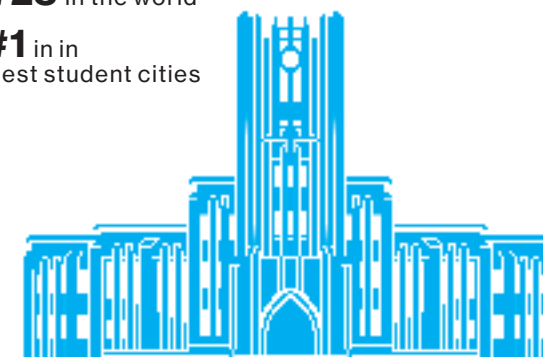
Students from **67** countries have joined GraSPP since its inception.



**1,807** - Total GraSPP alumni all over the world



**Ranked**  
**#11** in Asia  
**#23** in the world  
**#1** in in Best student cities



(QS World University Rankings 2023)

**230**  
 Faculty members



\*All data is based on the database as of April 2023.

MPP/IP builds a foundation of professional knowledge and practical skills necessary for successful careers in government, business, international organizations and NPOs. The core curriculum is multidisciplinary, consisting of law, politics and economics. Together with case studies and practical training courses, the program prepares individuals to design, plan, implement and evaluate policies. MPP/IP applicants are required to choose one of the following policy streams and expected to demonstrate basic competence for learning law, politics and economics.

### Economic Policy, Finance and Development (EPFD)

EPFD is designed to meet this demand by offering courses suited for those who want to advance their careers in government, business, international organizations or NPOs in the field of economic policy, finance and development.

### Public Management and International Relations (PMIR)

PMIR is designed to meet this demand by educating individuals who want to pursue a career in government, business, international organizations or NPOs in the field of public management and international relations, including security policy and area studies.



What makes studying here very special are the people. As a result of conversations and discussions with fellow students of many different perspectives and backgrounds worldwide, my horizons have been greatly broadened.

Julian FREITAG  
From Germany  
Class of 2023

MPP/IP 2-year program 46 credits	EPFD (Economic Policy, Finance and Development)	PMIR (Public Management and International Relations)
Basic Economics	12-15 credits	8-10 credits
Law and Political Sciences	6 credits	10 credits
Case Studies	8 credits	
Elective Courses	17-20 credits	

#### Basic Economics

##### Microeconomics in 3 levels

- Microeconomics for Public Policy
- Microeconomics
- Microeconomics I and Microeconomics II offered by the Graduate School of Economics

##### Macroeconomics in 3 levels

- Macroeconomics for Public Policy
- Macroeconomics
- Macroeconomics I and Macroeconomics II offered by the Graduate School of Economics

##### Quantitative courses in 3 levels

- Statistical Methods
- Econometrics for Public Policy
- Econometrics I and Econometrics II offered by the Graduate School of Economics

#### Law and Political Sciences Courses

##### Public Management

- Politics and Public Policy
- Introduction to Public Management
- Introduction to Social Science
- Comparative Political Parties and Elections
- Policy Process and Negotiation
- Science, Technology and Public Policy
- Governance and Development
- Comparative Analysis of Japanese Economic Policy-Making Process

##### International Relations

- Introduction to International Politics
- Field Seminar in International Relations
- International Relations and Political Regimes
- Modern Japanese Diplomacy
- Security Studies
- Insurgency and Counterinsurgency
- Contemporary Chinese Politics
- Contemporary Chinese Diplomacy
- Contemporary Chinese Politics and Diplomacy
- International Politics in East Asia
- Global Governance
- New Dimensions of Security in the Risk Age
- Transformation of Warfare and Technology
- U.S. Diplomacy toward Asia
- Japan's Modernization Experience and Its ODA Policy
- Global Political Economy
- Science and Technology in International Relations
- Global Conflicts & Cooperation

##### Law

- International Environmental Law
- Introduction to Japanese Law
- Law and Society in East Asia



Course information  
<http://www.pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/education/courses/>



Our faculty of world-class academics and policy practitioners offer a good balance of theory and practice in the fields of law, politics and economics.

## Some of our Faculty Members

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|  | <p><b>Chiyuki Aoi</b><br/>Professor<br/><i>War and Strategic Studies; Peace and Security</i></p>   | <p>Having researched Western military interventions for 25 years, I currently focus on strategic communications, the new information domain at the frontline of the diplomatic and security agendas of key Western democracies. Drawing from my academic and professional experiences in the US, Europe, and IOs, my lectures focus on the changing character of warfare and how states have tried to adapt as technology, especially in the communications sphere, evolves.</p> |
|  | <p><b>Yee Kuang Heng</b><br/>Professor<br/><i>International Security and Global Risks; Strategic Studies and Transformation of Warfare</i></p> | <p>My research interests include international security and global risks, the transformation of warfare and British and American military power. Currently, I work on UK-Japan military and security cooperation in Asia, and how national risk assessment exercises evaluate existential risks such as climate change and artificial intelligence.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>Daiji Kawaguchi</b><br/>Vice Dean, Professor<br/><i>Labor Economics</i></p>  | <p>I work in the field of labor economics. I have analyzed the determinants of wage inequality and job security by gender, educational attainment, family background, family structure, and the type of employment contracts. I have also analyzed how public policies combat these inequalities, including minimum wages and work hour regulation. Methodologically, I consistently have used econometrics applied to microdata.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>Naoko Munakata</b><br/>Professor<br/><i>International Trade Regime; Innovation and Industrial Policy</i></p>                             | <p>My research interests lie in the evolution of the international trade regime in response to contemporary challenges as well as conditions conducive to innovation. Currently focused on economic security, corporate risk management, global digital governance. Previously worked at the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and served as Executive Secretary to Prime Minister Abe (2015-2017) and as Commissioner of Japan Patent Office (2017-2019).</p>             |
|  | <p><b>Makoto Nirei</b><br/>Professor<br/><i>Macroeconomics</i></p>   | <p>My research focuses on macroeconomics, in particular business cycle theory and household income and wealth distributions. In a recently published article, I build a quantitative macroeconomic model and argue that a cut in the top marginal tax rate could explain the substantial concentration of income and wealth observed in the developed economies since the 1970s. I enjoy applying macroeconomic analysis to new phenomena and various policy questions.</p>      |
|  | <p><b>Toshiro Nishizawa</b><br/>Professor<br/><i>Impact Investing; Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs); Sovereign Debt</i></p>                  | <p>Whenever I interact with students, I encourage them to take an interest in real-world issues and form their own opinions. Such an approach can stimulate research underpinned by genuine motivation with real-world relevance. I strongly believe that we need aspiring public policy professionals who can bridge theory and practice to address challenges facing us on the global and local scales.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>Hikaru Ogawa</b><br/>Professor<br/><i>Public Economics</i></p>   | <p>I specialize in public economics, building theories to understand the modalities for taxation in a global society where people, capital, and corporations move across borders. At GraSPP, I teach a wide range of fundamental ideas that are essential entry points into economics. I hope that students will go back to the basics, handle figures themselves, and reacquire themselves with theories and ideas.</p>   |
|  | <p><b>Kazuto Suzuki</b><br/>Professor<br/><i>International Political Economy; Science and Technology Policy</i></p>                            | <p>My research focuses on the conjunction of science/technology and international relations; subjects including space policy, non-proliferation, economic security, export control and sanctions. I served as an expert in the Panel of Experts for Iranian Sanction Committee under the United Nations Security Council from 2013 to July 2015 and currently serving as the President of Japan Association of International Security and Trade.</p>                             |

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|  | <p><b>Yasutora Watanabe</b><br/>Professor<br/><i>Empirical Microeconomics; Quantitative Marketing</i></p>                              | <p>I work in the field of empirical microeconomics and quantitative marketing, and conduct empirical research using microdata to study the behaviors of wide-ranging economic agents, including patients, doctors, local banks, taxi drivers, voters, politicians, and consumers at vending machines. Although the topics may vary, I adopt similar research methodology and empirical approaches to study for both policy-related and business-related research topics.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>Naomi Aoki</b><br/>Associate Professor<br/><i>Public Administration; Public Management; Civil Service Reforms</i></p>            | <p>I specialize in public administration and public management. Based on the conviction that good public administration is essential for the development of a nation, I seek to create research outcomes that can contribute to excellence in public administration. I hope that, through my classes, students will broaden their horizons and be able to work for the development of their own countries.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>Bei Jin</b><br/>Assistant Professor<br/><i>Health Policy; Contemporary Chinese Politics and Governance</i></p>                   | <p>My research focuses on contemporary Chinese politics and governance, health policy, and global health. By focusing on how China's economy, politics and society have evolved over the past seven decades, I aim to explore solutions to critical issues such as health disparities and pandemic response in both China and the global community.</p>   |
|  | <p><b>Konstantin Kucheryavyy</b><br/>Assistant Professor<br/><i>International Trade; International Finance</i></p>                     | <p>My field is international trade, specifically building quantitative models thereof. The most popular models that we currently use unambiguously predict that free trade is the best, which we know does not reflect reality, because they do not incorporate certain real-world features. My goal is developing more realistic models that can be used to make better policy recommendations for real-world problems.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>Jun Arima</b><br/>Project Professor<br/><i>Energy Policy</i></p>   | <p>Specializing in the field of energy and environmental policy, I share my own perspectives from being directly involved in public policy formulation with those who will be responsible for the future of their countries to enable them to acquire basic perspectives for considering energy policy. I believe learning such basic perspectives is of great importance for tackling ever more multi-layered issues.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>Roberto Orsi</b><br/>Project Associate Professor<br/><i>International Politics</i></p>   | <p>My main research interest is the theory of international politics, namely those theoretical constructs which enable our understanding of international political events. I am especially interested in the history of political concepts applied to international politics (their origins, change, applications, advantages and shortcomings) as a privileged path to gain perspectives in order to envisage analyses and solutions to current and future problems.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>Makiko Matsuo</b><br/>Project Associate Professor<br/><i>Governance of Emerging Technologies; Biotechnology; Food Safety</i></p> | <p>Having a background in international relations and international cooperation, my research approach evolved to incorporate various interdisciplinary approaches such as risk studies, technology assessment, and consideration of ELSI (Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications) in order to address interface governance issues between science and politics. My research covers such areas as food safety, global health governance, and emerging technologies, especially biotechnology, including genome editing.</p> |
|  | <p><b>Yoshihiro Kawai</b><br/>Visiting Professor<br/><i>Global Financial Regulation; International Organizations</i></p>               | <p>I specialize in global financial regulation and the governance, structure and management of international organizations. Over the last 20 years, I have taken responsibility for international financial regulatory standards as Secretary General of the International Association of Insurance Supervisors and a member of the Financial Stability Board. Leveraging those experiences, as well as case studies, I provide opportunities for students to deepen their understanding and gain practical insights.</p>   |
|  | <p><b>Mari Miyoshi</b><br/>Visiting Professor<br/><i>Diplomacy</i></p>   | <p>I specialize in diplomacy. Diplomacy is the main instrument of foreign policy and global governance which represents the broader goals and strategies that guide a state's national interests and interactions with the rest of the world. Based on my own experiences as a diplomat, I would like to deepen your understanding of diplomacy through various case studies in various fields.</p>   |

## Supports



A wide range of supports are available to help you to settle into life in Tokyo, immerse yourself in your studies, and get the most out of your time at GraSPP.

### Scholarships

Financial support is awarded through GraSPP based on merit and need under scholarship programs offered by organizations such as ADB, IMF, JICA and WB. See the following website for information and updates about eligibility requirements, application procedures, etc.

<http://www.pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/mppip/admissions/scholarships/>

### Accommodation

- UTokyo Dormitories (low probability of acceptance due to limited vacancy)
- Tokyo International Exchange Center
- Shared House
- Furnished Apartment
- Unfurnished Apartment

### International Student Desk

International Student Desk provides advice regarding visas, accommodation, daily life, private scholarships, etc.

### Language Support

Newly arriving international students can receive language support for the procedures after arrival (address registration, opening a bank account, etc.) if they do not have Japanese language ability.

### Japanese Language Course

The University of Tokyo's Japanese Language Center is available to international students and their spouses.

## Activities

Besides a world-class education, GraSPP offers many opportunities to brush up your skills and make valuable, lifelong connections through international events, internships, and other activities.

St. Gallen Symposium, GPPN, Annual Meeting of the Japan Association for Human Security Studies



**Shuwen Zhou**  
China



Class of 2015  
PhD candidate at the University of Oxford

Fortunately, I was able to access and receive funding to present my research at the St. Gallen Symposium in St. Gallen, Switzerland, Global Public Policy Network (GPPN) Conference in Berlin, Germany, and the Annual Meeting of the Japan Association for Human Security Studies in Tokyo. These presentations gave me visibility to an international environment with hundreds of audience members, as well as an opportunity to formally communicate my research to people from different backgrounds.

APEC Voices of the Future



**Momori Hirabayashi**  
Japan



Class of 2020  
Siam Piwat

Participating in the APEC Voices of the Future (APEC VOF) provided the opportunity to have discussion with youth delegates from other economies, meet with APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) members, attend the APEC CEO summit, and to witness how international policies are created. Meeting people with different backgrounds and perspectives was an eye-opening and memorable experience.

Internship



**Sarah Frances Strugnell**  
Australia



Class of 2020  
DD from ANU  
Australia-Japan Research Centre

Working at the Asian Productivity Organization (APO) gave me a purpose to work hard and maintain motivation throughout the semester. The activities I was engaged in had local or international significance, and those activities had short, medium and long-term impacts on the lives of others. The work I was involved in every week was exciting, and the nature of the work I was doing was different and often challenging. I will always remember this experience as one of the most rewarding components of my time at GraSPP.



## Double Degree and Exchange Programs

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We are actively engaged in international exchange, with a current total of thirteen partner universities. Students at both GraSPP and partner schools can enjoy the opportunity to enroll in a diverse range of classes together whilst creating new friendships and experiencing each other's culture. Under the double degree programs, students can obtain degrees from both the University of Tokyo and the partner university upon satisfying the graduation requirements of both degrees.

	Partner Schools:	Ex.	DD	Network
Master Program	School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University (SIPA)	—	○	GPPN
	Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore	○	○	GPPN, CA+
	School of Public Affairs, SciencesPo.	○	○	GPPN
	Hertie School	○	○	GPPN
	Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV) - EAESP	○	—	GPPN
	London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)	—	○	GPPN
	Heidelberg University	○	—	
	HEC Paris	○	—	
	IAS, United Nations University	○	—	
	Crawford School of Public Policy, Australia National University (ANU)	—	○	
	University of California, Luskin School of Public Affairs (UCLA-Luskin)	○	—	
	Department of War Studies, King's College London	—	○	
	Graduate School of International Studies, Seoul National University	○	○	CA+
School of International Studies, Peking University	○	○	CA+	

### Global Public Policy Network (GPPN)



GraSPP is a member of the Global Public Policy Network (GPPN), a partnership among seven top public policy schools from around the world. GPPN is a platform for institutional partnership, research collaboration, and student exchange.

### CAMPUS Asia Plus Program (CA+)



Students of four partner schools - GraSPP, School of International Studies at Peking University, Graduate School of International Studies at Seoul National University, and Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore - build strong network by participating in a four-way, double degree and exchange programs.

### \*GraSPP - Sciences Po Double Degree Program



This two-year double degree program with Sciences Po's School of Public Affairs is designed for young professionals who want to gain expertise in the management and evaluation of public policy in both the Japanese and European contexts. Students are selected separately through joint admissions by GraSPP and Sciences Po. Candidates must apply online via the Sciences Po's website. First-year students will study in Paris and second-year students in Tokyo.

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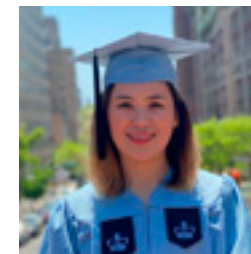


**Keisuke INADA**  
Japan



Class of 2017  
CAMPUS Asia Program  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,  
Japan

The CAMPUS Asia Program established a meaningful community with fellow Chinese and Korean students. As we engaged with one another, the more we discussed and debated about regional and global issues over multiple occasions. Friendships and relations established through the program still continue, and I can confidently claim that I will treasure these relations for life. The knowledge and passion I cultivated through the CAMPUS Asia Program is now an integral part of my life story. At any stage of life, I am confident that "Japan-Korea-China" will continue to be part of my career focus.



**Jazgul KOCHKOROVA**  
Kyrgyzstan



Class of 2020  
DD to SIPA  
Columbia University Institute  
for the Study of Human Rights

My education from GraSPP and SIPA provided me with unique experiences of East and West and challenging academic environments that fostered innovative thinking and activism. I am immensely grateful to GraSPP for allowing me as the first Kyrgyzstani and Central Asian student to pursue a gender studies program at one of the top GPPN schools. Now, working on the Women and Gender in Global Affairs Network, I'm happy to connect and support scholars from across the globe, including from Japan and East Asia, in order to help advance gender equality in academia.

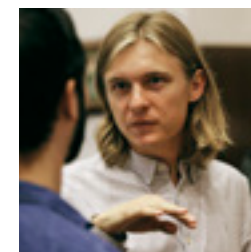


**Tomoko OHSHIRO**  
Japan



Class of 2020  
DD to LKYSPP  
Law office in Tokyo, Japan

I had always wanted to study public policy abroad, but I was worried about my young daughter and my English ability. However, GraSPP helped make my dreams come true. Bringing my daughter with me, I spent a year at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, and we both grew tremendously from it. The COVID-19 pandemic broke out during my time abroad, and I was afforded the valuable opportunity to examine the different responses of the Japanese and Singaporean governments to this common problem in real-time and from multiple perspectives, including public policy, policymaking and accountability.



**Joseph HUMPHREYS**  
England



Class of 2019  
DD from Sciences Po  
Consultant  
International Labour  
Organization

The dual degree programme between Sciences Po and the University of Tokyo exceeded the expectations I had when I was accepted two years ago. I was able to study at two of the world's leading universities and obtained a comprehensive skillset that prepared me for today's competitive labour market. The GraSPP professors acquainted me with new methods of teaching along with fresh perspectives which I would not have been introduced to if I had stayed in Europe. Nonetheless, the programme's flexibility enabled me to write my thesis on social policy, demonstrating the complementary nature of the dual degree programme.



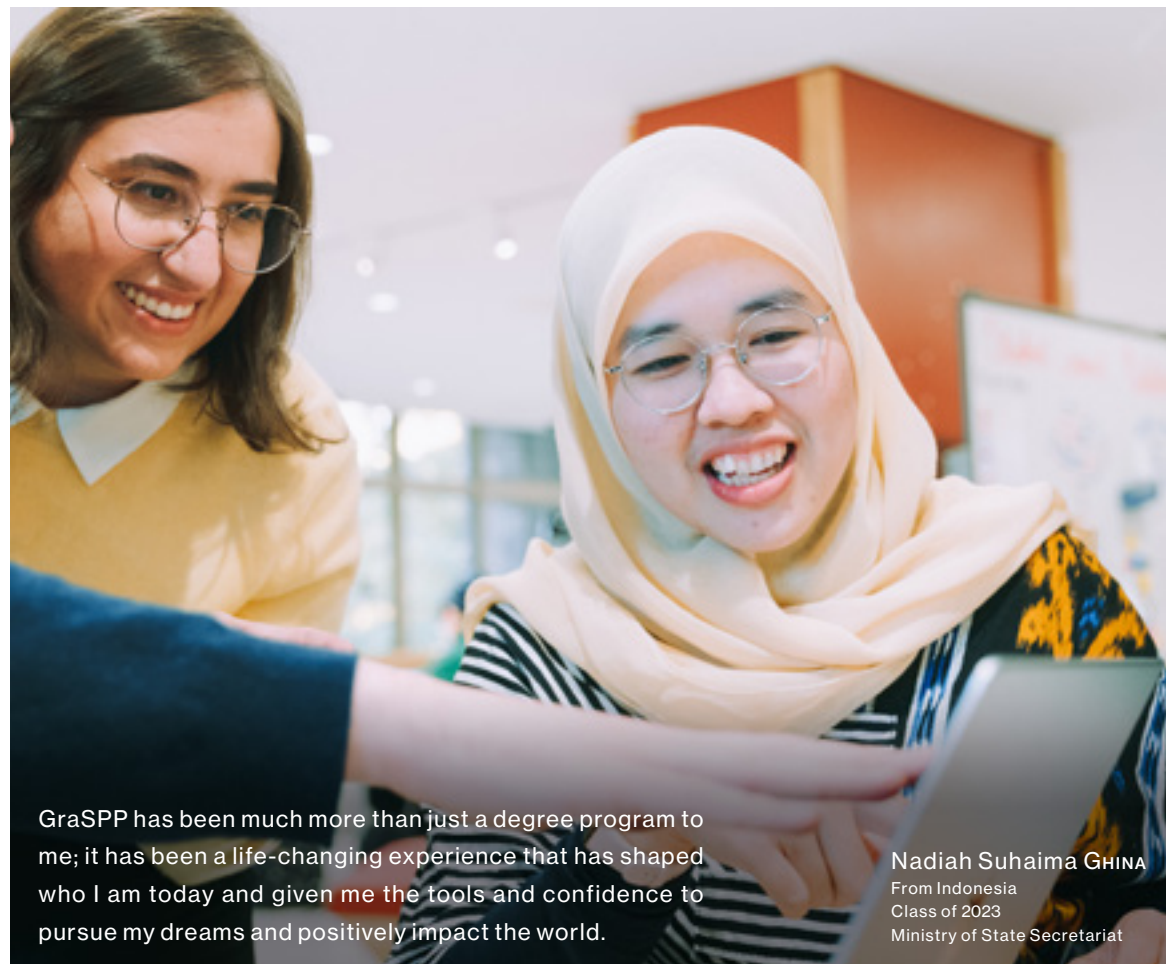






The MPP/IP program enabled me to advance my conceptual and analytical skills in conducting comprehensive studies in the recent trends and development policies in the global economy.

**Juan Rufino Morga REYES**  
 From the Philippines  
 Class of 2021  
 Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas



GraSPP has been much more than just a degree program to me; it has been a life-changing experience that has shaped who I am today and given me the tools and confidence to pursue my dreams and positively impact the world.

**Nadiah Suhaima GHINA**  
 From Indonesia  
 Class of 2023  
 Ministry of State Secretariat







**Anudari DASHDORJ**  
Mongolia



Class of 2018  
Strategist,  
SB Energy Corporation

When I look back at how I felt during graduation, I was proud of the fact that I completed the program and the knowledge I gained, and I was excited for the things to come. The skills I gained from my graduate studies on how to obtain and analyze information and to think critically, as well as the connections I've built with GraSPP and the University of Tokyo which I sincerely believe can help answer any questions I may have in the future, makes me confident that I can overcome any challenges that may arise in my career.



**Suman DAHAL**  
Nepal



Class of 2013  
Director General,  
Department of Customs,  
Ministry of Finance

MPP/IP revolutionized my life by broadening my arena of knowledge and skills, and deepening my views towards governance and public policy issues. I hope that many talented brains from all over the world will have a chance to study at GraSPP and make their future bright. This is not only for people from Asia but for anyone who is interested to learn about Asia. I believe that GraSPP is the best destination for talented students interested in a public policy education.



**Su Thit Hroo**  
Myanmar



Class of 2018  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The knowledge, proficiency, and experience I acquired at GraSPP has sharpened my thinking, understanding of policy making, and research and problem-solving skills in my profession. GraSPP gives us the opportunity to study a wide range of interesting subjects depending on our preferences and helps us sharpen our ability to identify issues and challenges of the public policy field. I can assure you that you will never regret studying at GraSPP.



**Duong NGUYEN**  
Vietnam



Class of 2016  
State Bank of Vietnam

The time I spent at GraSPP is one of the memories that I will cherish for the rest of my life. I had regular contact with leading professors and practitioners in their respective fields, made friends with admirable peer students of various nationalities and backgrounds, and thus expanded my networks. Now back in my country, I have made progress in my job as reflected by my improved qualities, and have successfully made recommendations for better policy making in the fields of international economy and financial markets.



**Nicole Aya KONAI**  
Brazil



Class of 2015  
International Finance  
Corporation (IFC)

After completing the Double Degree Program between the University of Tokyo and Columbia University, I had the opportunity to join the World Bank Group and work in Washington DC as well as in the South Africa country office, where I am currently located. Not only providing me with substantial knowledge and hard skills necessary for my professional success in the development field, GraSPP also prepared me to work in a multicultural environment where cultural sensitiveness and interpersonal skills are key. I had a very positive experience in Tokyo and will always be grateful for the support of friends, professors and staff at GraSPP.



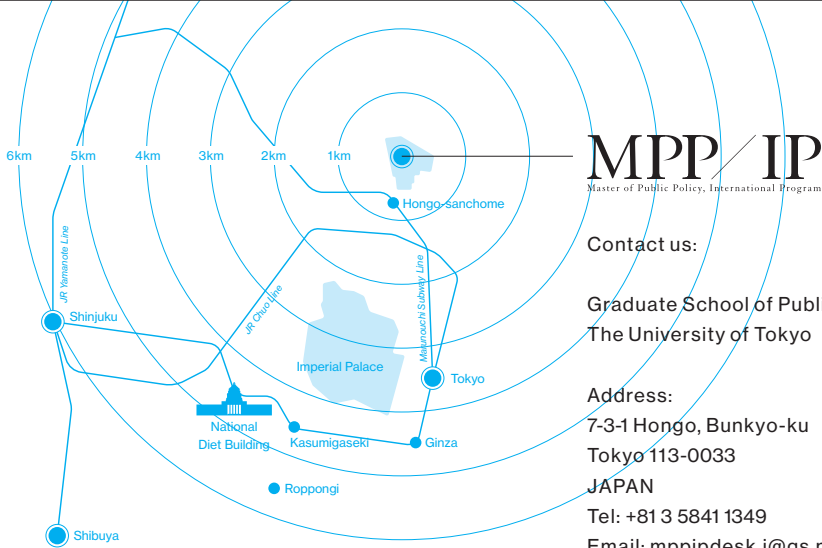
**Yukiko OMAGARI**  
Japan



Class of 2010  
The Office of the United Nations  
Special Representative of the  
Secretary-General  
on Sexual Violence in Conflict  
(OSRSG-SVC)

I still hold on to the lecture notes and presentation handouts I compiled after late-night discussions with classmates. I keep them because they remain relevant to my professional career. However, GraSPP's legacy lies not just in these material items. It lies in the experiences that I gained during my time in Tokyo. GraSPP was different from many undergraduate programs in that most of the classmates I interacted with already had experience in the professional world. They were diverse and international people. Today, these individuals are active in their respective fields related to public policy. A decade later, wherever they are in the world, they remain my close friends.





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## PhD in International Public Policy at GraSPP

The doctoral program has been launched from AY2016. The main research areas of the doctoral program are International Finance and Development, International Security, and Science and Technology. The program aims to nurture highly skilled researchers in law, politics and economics. In addition, it aims to foster cross-cutting, multidisciplinary and practical skills for policymaking.

For more information: <http://www.pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/education/doctoral-course/>

