

MPP/IP

Master of Public Policy, International Program

Two-Year Master's Program

Graduate School of Public Policy, The University of Tokyo

2024–2025



GraSPP

THE UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO

Forging a Future in Public Policy

The Graduate School of Public Policy (GraSPP) stands out for its unique approach to public policy education. We have trained professionals in diverse fields of public policy, providing academic education that balances economic policy, public administration, and international relations, all at rigorous academic standards. What sets us apart is our commitment to practical learning, with lessons delivered by practitioners in the public sector, ensuring our students gain real-world insights and skills that are highly valued in the job market.

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 not only attracted a rising number of Japanese students but also offers a thrilling opportunity for international exposure. With exchange or double degree programs in place with a total of 14 leading universities worldwide, including Columbia University, London School of Economics, Sciences Po, and the National University of Singapore, our students are immersed in a global learning environment. Many of them come with experience from those who have worked in the public sector, adding to the richness of our academic community.

I encourage our students to seize the opportunities available and shape themselves into future leaders of public policy.



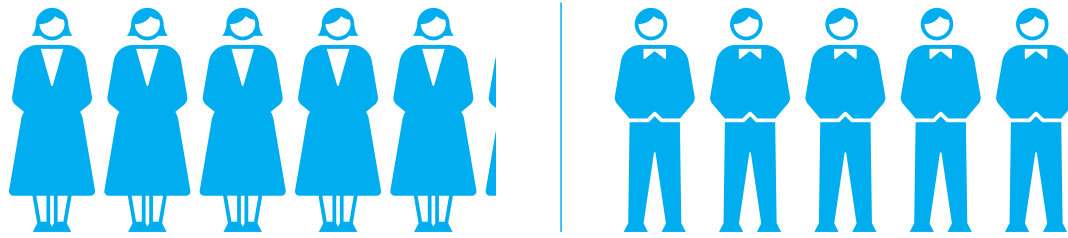
Daiji KAWAGUCHI
Dean
Graduate School of Public Policy, The University of Tokyo



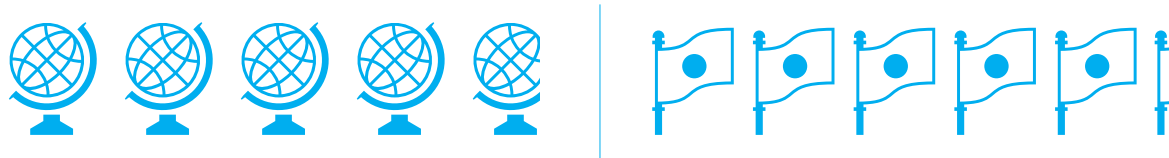
Network with Future Global Leaders

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.

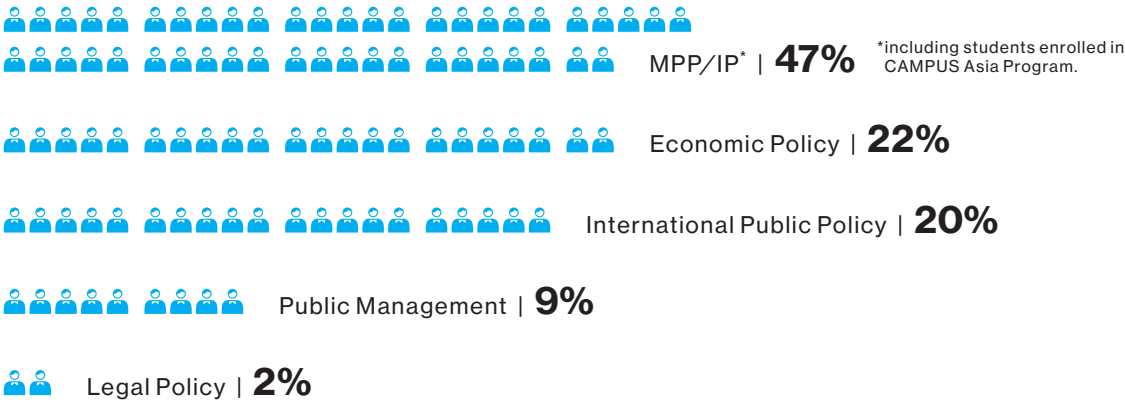
Female: **51%** | Male: **49%**



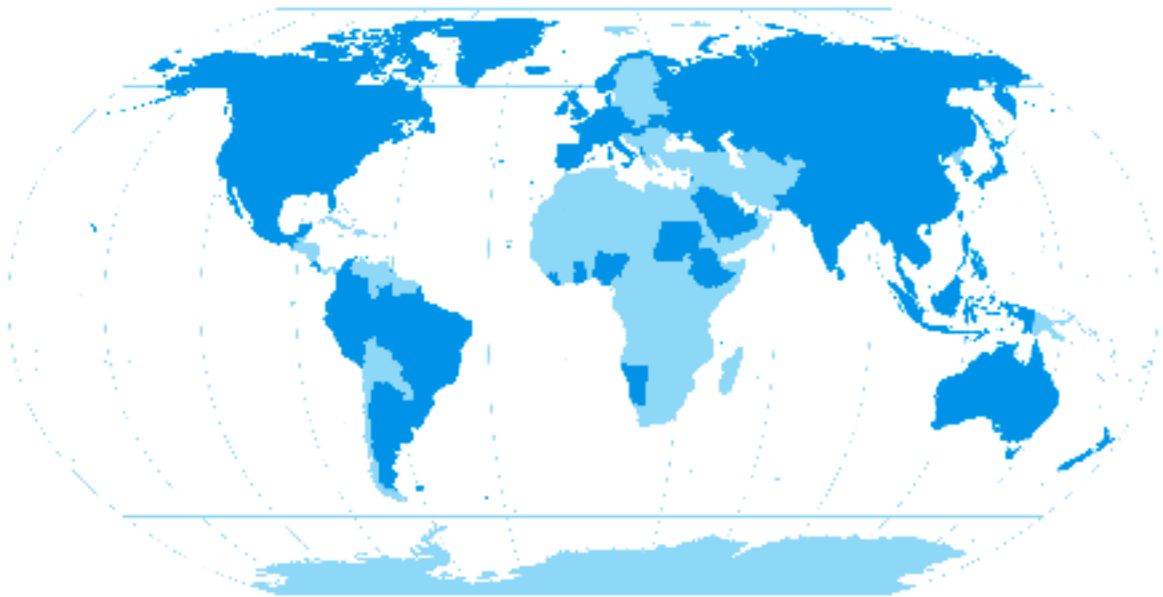
International students: **47%** | Japanese students: **53%**



Student ratio by Program



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

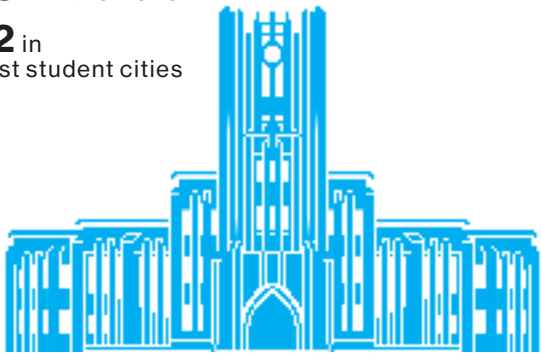


1,870 - Total GraSPP alumni all over the world



Ranked

#11 in Asia
#32 in the world
#2 in Best student cities



(QS World University Rankings 2025)

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Faculty members



*All data is based on the database as of May 2024.

Curriculum

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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.



Program Structure

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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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Microeconomics for Public PolicyMicroeconomicsMicroeconomics I and Microeconomics II offered by the Graduate School of Economics	Macroeconomics in 3 levels <ul style="list-style-type: none">Macroeconomics for Public PolicyMacroeconomicsMacroeconomics I and Macroeconomics II offered by the Graduate School of Economics	Quantitative courses in 3 levels <ul style="list-style-type: none">Statistical MethodsEconometrics for Public PolicyEconometrics I and Econometrics II offered by the Graduate School of Economics

Law and Political Sciences Courses		
Public Management <ul style="list-style-type: none">Politics and Public PolicyIntroduction to Public ManagementIntroduction to Social ScienceComparative Political Parties and ElectionsPolicy Process and Negotiation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Science, Technology and Public PolicyGovernance and DevelopmentComparative Analysis of Japanese Economic Policy-Making Process	
International Relations <ul style="list-style-type: none">Introduction to International PoliticsField Seminar in International RelationsModern Japanese DiplomacySecurity StudiesInsurgency and CounterinsurgencyContemporary Chinese PoliticsContemporary Chinese DiplomacyInternational Politics in East AsiaGlobal Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">New Dimensions of Security in the Risk AgeTransformation of Warfare and TechnologyU.S. Diplomacy toward AsiaJapan's Modernization Experience and Its ODA PolicyGlobal Political EconomyScience and Technology in International RelationsGlobal Conflicts & CooperationStrategic Communications and International Politics	
Law <ul style="list-style-type: none">International Environmental LawIntroduction to Japanese Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Law and Society in East AsiaLaw and Public Policy	



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



Masaki TANIGUCHI
Vice Dean, Professor
Japanese Politics

My main research interests are in electoral studies and political communication. I have published many books, including *Representative Democracy in Japan, Politics and Mass Media, and The Theory of Party Support*. My publications in English appear in journals such as *International Political Science Review, Political Communication, Electoral Studies, and Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*.



Chiyuki Aoi
Professor
War and Strategic Studies; Peace and Security

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.



Stacey CHEN
Professor
Labor, Development, and Health Economics; Applied Econometrics

I hold a Ph.D. in economics, specializing in labor economics and applied econometrics. As a development economist, I have conducted studies on education reforms in developing countries. My current research focuses on evaluating healthcare reforms and investigating the causes of delayed marriage and low fertility rates.



Yee Kuang Heng
Professor
International Security and Global Risks; Strategic Studies and Transformation of Warfare

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.



Naoko MUNAKATA
Professor
International Trade Regime; Innovation and Industrial Policy

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).



Makoto NIREI
Professor
Macroeconomics

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.



Toshiro NISHIZAWA
Professor
Impact Investing; Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs); Sovereign Debt

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.



Hikaru OGAWA
Professor
Public Economics

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 reacquaint themselves with theories and ideas.



Kazuto SUZUKI
Professor
International Political Economy; Science and Technology Policy

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.



Yasutora WATANABE
Professor
Empirical Microeconomics; Quantitative Marketing

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.



Naomi Aoki
Associate Professor
Public Administration; Public Management; Civil Service Reforms

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.



Bei JIN
Assistant Professor
Health Policy; Contemporary Chinese Politics and Governance

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.



Jun ARIMA
Project Professor
Energy Policy

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.



Takahiro HATTORI
Project Associate Professor
Finance; Applied econometrics; Japanese economy

Having the working experience in an investment bank and the Japanese government, my main research area is on the empirical analysis of fixed income securities and their derivatives, especially in the Japanese market. I also investigate monetary policy, firm dynamics and international finance by using Japanese data. At GraSPP, I manage a double degree and exchange program called the Campus Asia Plus Program.



Roberto Orsi
Project Associate Professor
International Politics

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.



Makiko MATSUI
Project Associate Professor
Governance of Emerging Technologies; Biotechnology; Food Safety

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.

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.

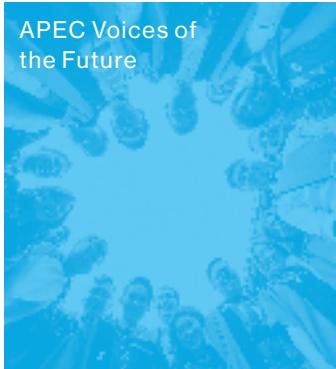
Activities

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.



Kavin Ramesh PILLAI
India
Class of 2024

My team and I aimed to represent, and to our delight, we won the 2023 GPPN Conference, a first for GraSPP. This experience deepened my appreciation for policymaking and renewed my faith in our generation's ability to craft inclusive policies. It significantly enhanced my skills as a policy thinker and presenter. The network I gained from engaging with top policy minds globally will be invaluable as I explore other areas of policymaking.



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.

















Sarah Frances STRUGNELL
Australia
Class of 2020
DD from ANU
PhD candidate at Princeton University

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 eight 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+)



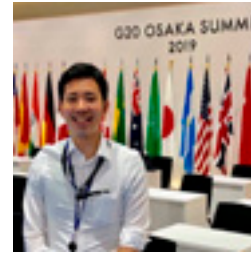
Students of four partner schools - GraSPP, School of International Studies at Peking University, Graduate School of International Studies at Seoul National University, and Lee Kwan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore - build strong network by participating in a four-way,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



Yuxiu LIN
China



Class of 2022
DD to SIPA
Investment company
in the United States

Studying at SIPA was a brand-new experience, a year full of excitement and growth. I was able to listen to the discussions of essential policies and implications from former and present high-level governmental officials as well as renowned intellectuals from various countries. In addition, I managed to intern at UN Women to help advance gender equality, something that I have always dreamed of. I also work on a capstone project on sovereign environmental performance with my classmates. Looking back, these experiences became incredibly valuable and rewarding.



Kaoru TAKAYAMA
Japan



Class of 2023
DD to LKYSPP
Consulting company in Japan

LKYSPP exceeded my expectations in every measure. As expected, the course workload and commitments were tough, but the learnings and growth were equally immense – not to mention the friendships and special comradery gained with classmates. Working with a diverse group of students and a real-life client through the capstone project was an unparalleled chance to understand the applications of the skills and learnings gleaned within the classroom. The experience has really come to define my time at LKYSPP and I am blessed to have had some of the best teammates to work with.



Joseph HUMPHREYS
England



Class of 2019
DD from Sciences Po
Hewlett Packard Enterprise

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.





Alumni Voices



Anudari DASHDORJ
Mongolia



Class of 2018
Co-founder,
NGO in Mongolia

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
Joint Secretary,
Ministry of Federal Affairs and
General Administration

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.

Introducing impressions from MPP/IP alumni all around the world!



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.

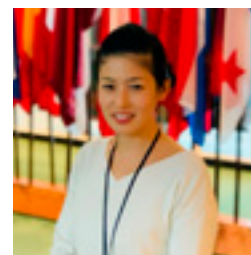


Nicole Aya KONAI
Brazil



Class of 2015
C40 Cities Climate Leadership
Group

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.

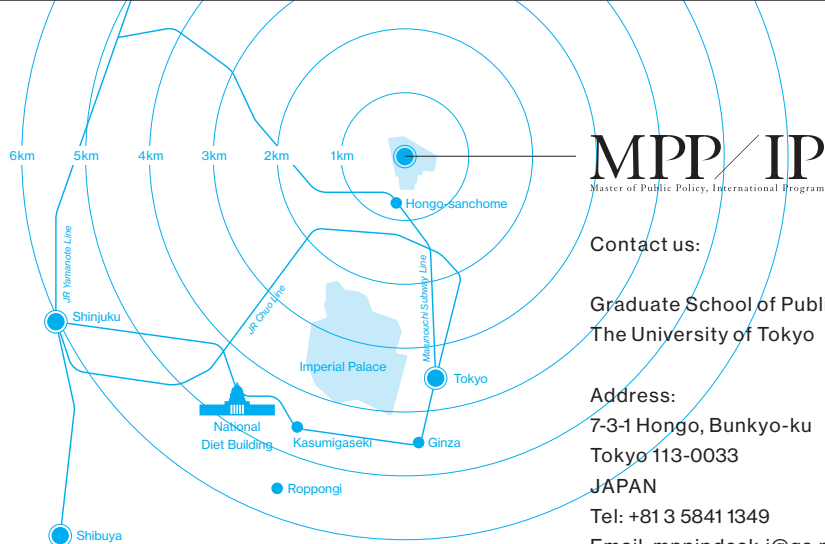


Yukiko OMAGARI
Japan



Class of 2010
Human rights officer,
United Nations

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: <https://www.pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/education/doctoral-course/>

