



Digest December



In an in-depth interview with the online news portal, Vlast.kz, the Dean of the Graduate School of Public Policy, **Dr. Hui Weng Tat**, shared his thoughts on some of the reasons for the economic success of Singapore and how they may be relevant to Kazakhstan. Dr. Hui explained the importance of strong institutions, eliminating corruption at all levels, why quality education could not be free, educating the next generation based on their abilities, embracing risk, and much more. Dr. Hui offers a glimpse into a world of public policy that could help inform a framework for the next age of Kazakh prosperity.

[Click here to read the exclusive full interview](#) or visit <https://goo.gl/CSPe5x>

STRUCTURE CHANGES IN KAZAKH ECONOMIES AND EMPLOYMENT



Associate Professor, **Dr. Peter Howie**, gave a lecture to the NU community concerning how the links between a country's rapid growth in resource production and basic structural transformations in mineral-rich economies

operate. With a special focus on Kazakhstan, Dr. Howie investigated the extent of employment changes in all sectors and its effect on the dynamics between various levels of skilled labor for these types of countries. This data rich presentation offered several interesting findings about where Kazakh employment and economies measure compared to other mineral-rich countries over the last several years and its outlook for the current state of resource commodities growth.

TRUMP PRESIDENCY: THE WORLD HAS NOTHING (NEW) TO WORRY ABOUT

Assistant Professor, **Dr. Iftikhar Lodhi**, gave a lecture to the NU community about the upcoming American "Trump Presidency". Dr. Lodhi explained why the unexpected victory of Donald Trump appeared to baffle the global community and lead to some pundits portraying doomsday scenarios based on his campaign's themes of hate and fear. However, as Dr. Lodhi described, governments across the world should have no new worries because, similar to the campaign rhetoric of "hope and change" found in President



Obama's speeches, American history has demonstrated that vague campaign ideals found in presidential election speeches are just words that seldom translate into real actions or public policy practices. With this in mind, Dr. Lodhi also offered his analysis of American relations with the world in the coming years.

Would you like to know more about lectures being offered at the GSPP or how to follow Dr. Howie's and Dr. Lodhi's research?

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THE GSPP NEWSROOM

*Be it migration policy, anti-corruption research, public administration practice, public services delivery, civil service reform, or economic regulation, the **GSPP faculty expertise** is what the media seeks out for insights on Kazakhstan's most pressing major public policy issues influencing your life.*

Here are some of the highlights we think you will enjoy!

The Costs of Corruption



Dr. Riccardo Pelizzo, Vice Dean for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor, provides an update on the most current anti-corruption Kazakh measures and a summary of Kazakhstan's new ranking in the world in terms of improvements in good governance. As the GSPP motto is "**Good governance matters**", Dr. Pelizzo explores the future careers and personal passions one can derive from furthering their education in public policy and public administration. [Click here for the full story](#) or visit <https://goo.gl/hdop6N>

Good Governance Matters in Kazakhstan



Dr. Colin Knox, Professor of Public Policy, was featured in the Astana Times with an update on where Kazakhstan's major sectors stand in the world according to international benchmarks and reports. This interesting and in-depth review will show you a picture of how far Kazakhstan has come, but also what strategic steps need to be taken to keep the country on track with the President's 2050 Strategy to join the top 30 developed countries in the world. [Click here for the full story](#) or visit <https://goo.gl/sevX1F>

Is There an Invisible Hand of the State?



Dr. Serik Orazgaliyev, Assistant Professor, explores the middle ground between the extremes of minimal or maximum government economic intervention in this thoughtful piece about how there is never one right or simple philosophy for the issues with the most effect on the financial health of a country. [Click here for the full story](#) or visit <https://goo.gl/LKgByA>

Public Service Reform in Kazakhstan



Dr. Saltanat Janenova, Assistant Professor, introduces you to a public policy reform meant to make it simpler to access or learn about the public services designed to enhance the lives and livelihoods of the average Kazakh. With still many steps needed to achieve the full mission of a "one stop shop", this glimpse into the future direction of public services could open a world of opportunities. [Click here for the full story](#) or visit <https://goo.gl/Js7lTh>

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP EDUCATION WITH THE SAMRUK-KAZYNA

At the GSPP, learning does not stop with students and research innovations are for the benefit of all Kazakhs. With these principles in mind, the GSPP designed and hosted a two-day executive education program for the **Samruk-Kazyna Sovereign Welfare Fund**, Kazpost, Kazakhtelecom, Kazatomprom, KEGOC, and others to educate government relations leaders about lobbying accountability, control, and the political economy of petroleum sector. Leaders finished the program with practical tools and mechanisms for more efficient and impactful relations between public and private sectors.



MEET OUR STAFF

The GSPP faculty and students could not succeed without the staff that represents a strong, yet often unseen force which has a profound effect in the mission they serve. Throughout 2016, Ms. Karlygash Karamanova, program manager, embodied consistent devotion in her work and the GSPP students when she undertook simultaneously, the coordination of the **Masters of Public Policy (MPP)** and **Masters of Public Administration (MPA)** programs and implementing the first student exchange program between the GSPP and its partner institution, the **Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy**. In appreciation for her excellent efforts, Ms. Karlygash Karamanova was awarded with a letter of gratitude from the President of NU at the full NU New Year celebration program.

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The GSPP wishes you peace, joy, and prosperity in the coming year! Thank you for your continued support and stay involved in 2017 through our lecture series, publications, alumni events, upcoming admissions, and developing opportunities with executive training.

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