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## INSPIRING STORY OF AIGERIM BOLATKYZY



We are glad to share with you an inspiring story of Aigerim Bolatkyzy, who was involved in establishing the strategic partnership between NU GSPP and LKY Schools. Aigerim spoke at the 5th Congress for International Ethnic Kazakhs which was chaired by President Nazarbayev. She was one of 9 speakers from Europe, Russia and Central Asia and was selected to represent Kazakh youth living overseas. The congress was attended by 350 representatives from 39 countries.

In her address to the President of Kazakhstan Aigerim said, "I support the trilingual education that you spoke about in the Address, because, as you said, this will allow the Kazakh youth to be ready for the demands of the 21st century that change every day. I was born in Mongolia, studied in Italy and Singapore. My older brother studied in Turkey, the youngest studied in Russia, now both work in Kazakhstan, but wherever we are, we strictly adhere to customs and traditions of Kazakhstan, honor our language, because we are Kazakhs. As you said, we can simultaneously combine national traditions and cutting-edge knowledge."

Her speech included some of her experiences at LKY School such as the Executive Education trainings for senior officials and the strategic partnership between NUGSPP and LKY School. She also asked ethnic Kazakhs residing overseas to send their children to GSPP to get a higher education with international standards and the importance of public policy education to the development of Central Asia. President Nazarbayev discussed Aigerim's speech in his closing remarks and extended invitation to return to Kazakhstan. [Click here to view the video.](#)

## PROF. RICCARDO PELIZZO, GSPP VICE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS PUBLISHED 3 BOOKS

### **Understanding Good Governance: from Theory to Practice**

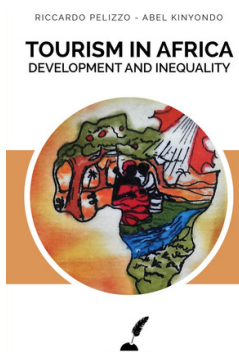
Good governance is a system of government that is valued for its procedural qualities, for its abilities to produce specific outputs, and for generating desirable outcomes. A system of government is good if the rule of law is respected, if there is little to no corruption, if there is no political violence and instability, if the government is effective and if there is good regulatory quality and, last but not least, if the system of government is accountable. The essays included in this volume cover good governance and its sub-dimensions. The key conclusion is that good governance matters. It creates the conditions for better, more humane societies, and, ultimately, for a better world.

### **Tourism in Africa. Development and Inequality**

Tourism industry has experienced a massive growth at the global level over the past two decades. The growth of the tourism sector has been faster in Africa than in the world as a whole. Given its rapid growth and its increasing importance, scholars, practitioners, policy makers, and tourism professionals have started paying increasing attention to Africa. This book seeks to provide yet another opportunity for Africa's tourism sector to be better understood particularly in the context of how it can aid development and reduce inequality.

### **Africa at the Crossroads**

The performance of African economies, in the past fifty years, has been cyclical. Economic expansion was followed by contraction, growth by decline and, as a result, Africa has never been able to capitalize on its own socio-economic successes. From 2000 onward, African economies have experienced sustained strong growth. And the articles collected in this volume were written because it is clear that Africa finds itself once again at the crossroads.





## GSPP TOOK PART IN THE 3RD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC POLICY ON 28 – 30 JUNE 2017

GSPP took part in the 3rd International Conference on Public Policy in Singapore with more than 1300 participants from over 80 countries making the conference the largest international event on Public Policy in the world.

Dean Weng Tat Hui delivered a welcome address on 28 June 2017. GSPP Dean said, "It's an outstanding achievement to be able to host the international conference of such kind with multiple panels, plenary sessions, and outstanding researchers. I would like to congratulate the LKY School of Public Policy with this achievement. We aim to model the success and achievements of the LKY School. We hope that one day we will be able to host such international conference on public policy in Central Asia."

Prof. Colin Knox and Dr. Saltanat Janenova co-chaired a research panel entitled "The Realities of Public Policy and Management Reforms in Central Asia." The co-chaired panels went with active discussions on all 8 research papers presented.

Prof. Iftikhar Lodhi chaired a panel titled, "Policy Regimes Framework: Towards Better Theories of the Policy Process." Participants from 8 different countries including Kazakhstan, Vietnam, South Africa, Australia, Israel, Korea, India, and Taiwan presented and discussed their papers.

In addition, GSPP faculty members presented the following papers at the ICPP:

- Prof. Colin Knox presented a co-authored paper with Prof. Omer Baris titled, 'Good Enough' Governance in Post-Soviet Eurasia;
- Prof. Iftikhar Lodhi, "Policy Regimes Framework: Towards Better Theories of the Policy Process", and "Political Economic Determinants of Fuel Subsidies" at the panel on Environmental Policies;
- Prof. Saltanat Janenova, presented co-authored paper with Prof. Naomi Aoki "Can KZ follow Singapore? Assessment of its Civil Service Reform Capacity", and another one co-authored with Elena Maltseva "The Challenge of Pension reform in KZ: Pressures for Change and Reform Strategies";
- Prof. Serik Orazgaliyev, "Separation of Powers and Constitutional Reforms on Power Transition in KZ."

## PROF. OMER BARIS' PAPER ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION AT THE JOURNAL OF MANAGERIAL AND DECISION ECONOMICS

The paper is titled, "Price Dispersion and Optimal Price Categories with Limited Memory Consumers." It studies consumers with limited memory and examine the effects of their price categorization on the pricing strategies of competing firms. Consumers valuations are assumed to be heterogeneous. We find that price dispersion is possible even when each firm charges a single price if the consumers categorize prices non-optimally. Moreover, the likelihood of a price dispersion outcome is reduced when consumers with limited memory set up the price categories optimally. These findings suggest that the consumers' limited memory and their sub-optimal behavior, i.e. their inability to choose price categories optimally, can be a reason for observed price dispersion.

## PROF. COLIN KNOX REPRESENTED GSPP AT THE OECD GLOBAL NETWORK SCHOOLS OF GOVERNMENT WORKSHOP IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

GSPP is an active member of the Global Network of Schools of Government and Prof Knox shared developments in the civil service in Kazakhstan with workshop participants. Topics for discussion included: skills for a high performing and innovative civil service; digital government; civil service capability, and leadership in government. There were over 30 countries participating in the workshop.







## GSPP ORGANIZED EXECUTIVE EDUCATION SEMINAR ON HEALTH POLICY & MANAGEMENT ON 8-9 JUNE 2017

The seminar was conducted by Prof Kai Hong Phua of GSPP and Prof Byron Crape, NU School of Medicine, Public Health Program. The participants of the seminar discussed healthcare reforms in Kazakhstan, comparative health systems: insurance models, financial management, healthcare financing and methods of payment to medical organizations, economic evaluation of medical technologies, and promotion of a healthy lifestyle. There were 26 participants in total including Directors of the Hospital Services and Heads of Public Departments from across the country.



## GSPP DELIVERED TRAINING FOR PUBLIC COUNCILS IN OSAKAROVKA AND TEMIRTAU

A team of GSPP researchers: Prof Colin Knox, Prof. Saltanat Janenova, Assiya Karibay, MPA student, Roza Tleukhan, GSPP Graduate delivered training for public councils in Osakarovka and Temirtau on 16-19 June. The team shared international experience of citizen engagement in policy making and discussed with participants on how public councils are working in Kazakhstan.

## CHINA'S ONE BELT ONE ROAD INITIATIVE

Prof. Serik Orazgaliyev took part as a moderator in the first conference on "China's One Belt One Road Initiative" launched by Nazarbayev University along with the National Analytical Center and George Washington University's Central Asia Program on 7-8 June 2017. The Conference was organised in the framework of the capacity building project. Along with 15 authors presenting their research projects, the Conference served as a platform to discuss and exchange the latest research on the Chinese ambitious initiative "One Belt One Road."

## GSPP RESEARCH ASSISTANTS ROZA TLEUKHAN AND ASSIYA KARIBAY PRESENTED PAPER AT 15TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF ESCAS

Research assistants Roza Tleukhan (GSPP Alumni) and Assiya Karibay (MPA student) who are involved in the IASANU project: "Promoting Ethics in Civil Service: Practices from Kazakhstan, OECD countries and China" under the supervision of Prof Saltanat Janenova presented their paper on "Ethics Codes for Civil Servants: Comparative Analysis of the Practices from OECD Countries and Central Asia" at the 15th Biennial Conference jointly organized by the European Society for Central Asian Studies (ESCAS) and the Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS). Paper presented at the conference was devoted to the new Code of Ethics in Kazakhstan and newly created Institution of Ethics Commissioners introduced in 2016. This conference held at the American University of Central Asia (AUCA) in Bishkek from June 29-July 2, 2017 represented the first collaborative conference between CESS and ESCAS and had 107 panels including 400 presenters.



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## GSPP ORGANIZES 1ST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

We are pleased to announce that Nazarbayev University Graduate School of Public Policy is organizing the 1st International Conference on Good Governance and Economic Diversification in Resource Rich Economies (GSPPCONF2017), which will take place at the University from 17 to 19 August 2017.

It will be a two-day event with several panel sessions and other notable speakers. This event is designed to provide attendees of academic and professional political communities with quality educational and networking opportunities focused on Central Asian and post-Soviet state good governance and economic diversification.

Click here to register

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## 2017 GSPP CONFERENCE ON GOOD GOVERNANCE & ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION IN RESOURCE RICH ECONOMIES

Topics of GSPPCONF2017 will cover:

Public Management  
Economic Diversification  
Political Economy of Natural  
Resources  
Reforms in the Post-Soviet State

Public Policy Education in  
Central Asia  
Security in Central Asia  
Civil Society and Public Sphere