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# Digest

## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

The Graduate School of Public Policy at NU offers one of Central Asia's highest quality graduate programs in public policy and public administration. Building on this tradition, the GSPP has developed an exciting and challenging PhD course in public policy taught by a distinguished international faculty of scholars and professionals.

This new PhD program is comparable to those offered by top public policy schools in Asia, North America and the United Kingdom. Our strategic partnership with the National University of Singapore's Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy offers extensive global networking opportunities for our PhD students. This includes a 3-month international placement that will allow a PhD candidate to conduct field research, access expertise in the host institution, and participate in international conferences.

This is an opportunity for us to contribute to Kazakhstan's development with the advancement of programming in the Graduate School of Public Policy by elevating its status as a PhD offering unit in the broader discipline of public policy in Central Asia. With our curricular innovation, we aim develop the next generation of highly qualified researchers who will engage in evidence-informed research for government and academia to directly contribute to effective policies and good governance. **-Dean Weng Tat Hui**

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## NEW ANALYTICAL CENTRE

The Office of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan reached out to GSPP Associate Professor, Dr. Peter Howie, for guidance in establishing the objectives and activities for a new Analytical Centre within the Prime Minister's office. The goal of the Analytical Centre is to identify topical public policy issues currently occurring or developing in real time, bring those issues to the Prime Minister for prioritization, and then perform independent, standardized research on the top priorities of the week.



## GOVERNANCE OF HEALTH

Dr. Phua Kai Hong, GSPP visiting professor, recently published "Governance Issues in Health Financing", which appeared as a chapter in The Encyclopedia of Public Health 2nd edition, 2017. Through his esteemed career that led him to become, among many other things, the first health economist in Singapore, a founding faculty member of Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, and now a GSPP educator inspiring a new generation of public policy and public health administration professionals. Dr. Phua Kai Hong's article is featured with other top experts in this domain and is a true achievement as part of a reference set of four volumes covering all aspects of public health for the lay reader.



Starting from 2017 GSPP launches its first doctorate level degree – PhD in Public Policy (a 4-year program).

## ANTI-CORRUPTION STUDY EFFORTS IN KAZAKHSTAN

The Prosecutor General's Academy of Law Enforcement has invited Dr. Riccardo Pelizzo, GSPP Vice Dean for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor, to join a study on anti-corruption measures in the new Kazakh economy. The Academy was established in 2015 to, in part, study and deliver anti-corruption education and training for professionals and practitioners from all sectors of law enforcement. Said, Dr. Riccardo Pelizzo of the invitation, "Last year, the GSPP lead some executive training on anti-corruption and the cost of crime for various stakeholders—which is why GSPP is known to have considerable expertise and credibility on this subject. The GSPP has established itself as one of the most authoritative voices on corruption studies in Kazakhstan."



## GOOD JOBS FOR INCLUSIVE GROWTH IN CENTRAL ASIA



The Asian Development Bank has created a study called "Good Jobs for Inclusive Growth in Central Asia and South Caucasus" that features a chapter edited by GSPP Associate Professor, Dr. Peter Howie. The principal report that will be issued presents the main findings of smaller reports from different countries in this region with the hopes that it will be useful for policy recommendations and examples when being used by policy makers.

## CENTRAL ASIA LOOKS EAST

Dr. Pan Suk Kim, Professor of Public Administration in the College of Government and Business at South Korea's Yonsei University and current President of the Asian Association for Public Administration (AAPA), visited the GSPP in January to discuss academic collaborations and the upcoming AAPA 2017 Annual Conference in Astana, Kazakhstan, April 13-14, 2017. As the role of Kazakhstan is increasing in the international arena, many international experts have interests in entering the region academically. The GSPP's relationship with Dr. Pan Suk Kim, the AAPA, and the participation of GSPP faculty members in the upcoming AAPA Astana conference, helps build connections between academics and practitioners in Central Asia and South and East Asia that will promote meaning cooperation and sharing of ideas across so many different cultures.

## MEET OUR STUDENTS

Be it as a student, busy working professional, or an executive always striving for a higher level of excellence, one of the most exciting things about the GSPP's programing is how it is been designed to support a person at every evolution of their public policy and public administration career. In particular, the Masters of Public Administration program, delivered on nights and weekends, supplies working professionals with a versatile and robust skillset, specialized knowledge, and practical experience—which can be applied immediately at work to achieve their goals. Zhandos Imanaliyev, a second year MPA student and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan employee, embodies what it means to be a student who practices what he learns in the work place. This January, his efforts were recognized outside this classroom when the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan awarded him letters of gratitude for his outstanding service to help secure a non-permanent seat for Kazakhstan on the United National Security Council and overall excellence in diplomatic service duties. Further, Zhandos Imanaliyev also received an award for his placement in a Ministry-wide competition for best analytical work among young diplomats.

## 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!**

### **Is There an Invisible Hand of the State?**

Dr. Serik Orazgaliyev, Assistant Professor, and GSPP alumni, Zhanerke Kochiigit, know that January has been a big month for discussions about Kazakhstan's constitutional future. Therefore, they have created a guide for you to understand what is being explored and what that means for you. These experts give global and historical examples for what inspired each reform idea, but also focus on Kazakhstan's unique position and the direction these actions can take in this uncharted territory. **[Click here for the full story](#)** or visit **<https://liter.kz/last/>** and find the read you need on page five.



### **Public Service Reform in From Citizens for the Government to Government for the Citizens?**

Dr. Saltanat Janenova, Assistant Professor, explores the most commonly stated issues people cite when interacting with the government and the reforms currently being enacted to better serve citizens. To help tell the story of the end goal ambitions, Dr. Saltanat Janenova draws upon countries around the world who have demonstrated examples that are inspiring the Kazakh public policy approach. **[Click here for the full story](#)** or visit **<https://goo.gl/aYo9wt>**



## NEW GSPP FACULTY!



### **Dr. Phua Kai Hong Visiting Professor**

Dr. Phua Kai Hong is a tenured professor at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy,

National University of Singapore, where he lectures in global health, health economics and financing, population aging and social policy. He is a visiting professor on senior faculty exchange at the GSPP. He graduated with honours cum laude from Harvard University and received graduate degrees from Harvard School of Public Health and the London School of Economics and Political Science.



### **Dr. Yoonbai Kim Visiting Professor**

Dr. Yoonbai Kim is a tenured professor at the University of Kentucky, where he

lectures in international finance policy and open economy macroeconomics. He is a visiting professor on faculty exchange at the GSPP. He graduated with a doctorate in economics from Stanford University and an economics degree from Seoul National University.



### **Estelle Montgomery Instructor**

Estelle Montgomery is a former USA government official who performed nonpartisan

legislative and fiscal analysis for state legislatures and directed the operations and public policy research development at an American university based nonpartisan public policy institute. She will be creating student academic enhancement programming for the GSPP masters thesis requirement and developing content for GSPP initiatives. She holds an MPA from the University of Missouri-Kansas City.



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



The Nazarbayev University Graduate School of Public Policy Conference 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.

## PANEL THEMES

- Public management
- Economic diversification
- Political economy of natural resources
- Reforms in the post-Soviet states
- Public policy education in Central Asia
- Security in Central Asia



## CALL FOR PAPERS

PLEASE SEND AS AN ATTACHMENT A 400-WORD ABSTRACT IN ENGLISH TO THE ATTENTION OF RICCARDO PELIZZO, CONFERENCE CHAIR, AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

**[GSPPCONF2017@NU.EDU.KZ](mailto:GSPPCONF2017@NU.EDU.KZ)**



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**August 17-19, 2017**