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Editorial page

Dear all,

This is a first issue of the bi-monthly Newsletter for Nazarbayev University Graduate School of Public Policy (GSPP) students and staff.

This issue of *GSPP Newsletter* is dedicated to covering school and student events in the past summer term as well as welcoming new professors and new students of GSPP. We are delighted to mention that GSPP is growing bigger and stronger!

This issue also opens the 2014/2015 academic year. We wish all of our students best of luck for the new semester.

We hope that you will enjoy reading this issue!

With best regards,

GSPP Newsletter editorial team



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WELCOMING NEW GSPP STUDENTS



MPP 2014-2016 class students:

- 1 Bektur Carina
- 2 Chukenova Aigul
- 3 Davletkildeyeva Viktoriya
- 4 Dyussenov Yerzhan
- 5 Islambekov Aidos
- 6 Khussainova Inkar
- 7 Litvishkov Yuriy
- 8 Nigmatulina Madina
- 9 Nurzhanova Saltanat
- 10 Petukhova Diana
- 11 Seidumanova Meruyert
- 12 Taubayev Amir
- 13 Tleukhan Roza
- 14 Utepov Rustam
- 15 Yesdauletov Ilyas
- 16 Zhaksybayeva Nurlyaiym
- 17 Zhamalov Yernur
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WELCOMING NEW GSPP FACULTY

This summer 6 new Faculty members joined GSPP. They are all experts in various areas and have extensive experience in consultancy, teaching and research. We wish all the best to all new Faculty members!



Marcel de Haas
Full Professor



Alice Ackermann
Vice Dean for
Research



Lilian A. Barria
Full Professor



Riccardo Pelizzo
Associate Professor



Julie Yu-Wen Chen
Associate Professor



Aziz Burkhanov
Assistant Professor

ORIENTATION 2014

The Graduate School of Public Policy (GSPP) conducted the Orientation Week for the new cohort of MPP 2014-2016 students in 11-15 August 2014. Totally 18 students have been accepted to Master of Public Policy Programme this year.

On the 1st day of the Orientation Week students were welcomed by the NU Vice-President for Student Affairs and International cooperation Dr. Kadisha Dairova, Dean of GSPP Dr. Neil Collins, and were introduced to NU GSPP faculty and admin staff.

During the week, newly accepted students attended short lectures on the plagiarism issues, case study methods, presentation, academic writing and economic thinking skills. The academic part of the Orientation week was followed by the Welcoming Dinner hosted by the NU strategic partner - Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, in the honour of new students.



NU Vice-President for Student Affairs & International Cooperation Dr. Kadisha Dairova welcoming new GSPP students



Prof. Eduardo Araral from Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy discussing a case study with the students

LKYSPP alumni who currently work in Kazakhstan shared their experience with GSPP students



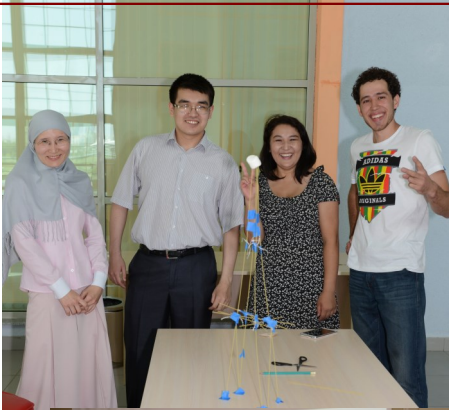
GSPP Teaching Assistants held team-building activities with the students



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ORIENTATION 2014

Team-building activities



Welcome Dinner party in the honour of MPP 2014 class



CONGRATULATIONS!

**Congratulations to the NU GSPP staff
Dr. Saltanat Janenova!**

The instructor of the NU GSPP Dr. Saltanat Janenova won the Best Paper Award at the Public Management Research Association conference (PMRC 2014) in Seoul! The PMRC 2014: When Policy Meets Administration: Eastern and Western Voices was hosted by the Graduate School of Public Administration at Seoul National University on 29 June - 1 July, 2014. The Conference was sponsored by the International Research Society for Public Management (IRSPM) and the Korean Association for Policy Studies (KAPS).

Saltanat Janenova presented the paper "NPM Implementation in Kazakhstan: the Case of One Stop Shops". The next PMRA Conference will be hosted by the Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota (USA) on 11-13 June 2015.



*Central
European
Program in
Economic
Theory*



Dr. Omer F. Baris, Assistant Professor from the Graduate School of Public Policy at Nazarbayev University, presented his paper titled “Efficiency Enhancing Signaling in Public Bailouts” in Udine at the 2014 meeting (26 -28 June) of the Central European Program in Economic Theory (CEPET).

CEPET, founded in 1999, holds a workshop every summer in Udine and produces a working paper series. The main objective of CEPET is to promote economic theory in the Central European region, especially among young researchers. The summer Workshop provides an opportunity for young researchers to present work at an early stage and get feedback from experienced scholars with international reputations. Such feedback can be very difficult for young theorists to obtain, but is very useful in promoting and encouraging their work. Many young researchers, who have presented their work in the Workshops, have gone on to enter good programmes and eventually to publish papers in journals.

In his presentation, Omer F. Baris discussed his paper on public bailouts. His paper addresses the informational aspects of bailout policies and shows that efficiency enhancing signaling can mitigate and reverse the moral hazard problem in public bailouts. He designed a principal-agent model with hidden information and hidden action. Under certain conditions, he argues in his paper that the bailout mechanism gives rise to an equilibrium where the good-type agents separate themselves from the weak-types by rejecting the bailout offer.



Efficiency enhancing signaling can mitigate and reverse the moral hazard problem in public bailouts...



A memorable trip to China

*By Ainur Kozhamzharova,
2-year MPP student, NU GSPP*

I made it to China for the first time in 2011. I knew then I would be back. I did not have to wait too long for a perfect opportunity to come back. In 2013, during his official visit to Kazakhstan Chinese President Xi Jinping invited 200 students and professors from Nazarbayev University to visit China and I was lucky enough to be in the delegation list along with my groupmates Assemgul, Madina and Aigerim. Though, it was not my first



time experiencing Chinese culture, this year I was exposed to a whole new world of Chinese culture during my 12-day trip (18 June - 30 June) covering China's best destinations - Shanghai, Beijing and Xian.

A warm welcome during our visit and the intensity of the program helped us observe the Chinese culture at its best. Staying at comfortable hotels and eating Beijing duck and dim sum in restaurants was so amazing. On our tour, we were treated like foreign dignitaries and travelled in the cities in a caravan of 5 big buses with tour guides accompanied by police cars that cleared the way for us. This made the tour worry-free, as every detail had been taken care of and we only had to enjoy the whole journey

Our tour started from Asia's leading city – Shanghai, a financial and business center of China.

On our first day of the city tour, we visited the Shanghai-Volkswagen car plant. We witnessed Volkswagen and Skoda cars being assembled as well as Shanghai Auto Museum, which displayed a wide range of vehicles used by people from ancient to modern times.

The evening of that day was a welcoming banquet hosted by local authorities full of warm speeches and delicious Chinese cuisine. The following day was filled with interactive lectures on Chinese calligraphy and Kung Fu at Shanghai International Studies University. What impressed

me most in Shanghai was Oriental Pearl Tower, a 468-meter-high radio & TV tower, which let you get an astonishing birds-eye view of this incredible city.

The fact that you can look down at the city through the glass floor of an observation deck at 263 meters makes it scary, breathtaking and totally beautiful all at the same time.



The city is full of high skyscrapers, some looming up into the clouds, which we observed during a relaxing cruise on the Huangpu River.

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After our stay in Shanghai we made our way to the country's capital city – Beijing. The day we arrived in the city, we headed to the Olympics Village to take a walk near The Bird's Nest, Beijing National Stadium, and the Water Cube, Beijing National Aquatics Center. Another exciting place to visit in Beijing was the Great Wall of China. Walking through the same place people did some 2000 years ago is quite amazing and for a few seconds it makes you think that you are in ancient China. You will get the same feeling wandering around the world's largest square - Tiananmen and the Forbidden city, a huge architectural complex which was home to more than 20 emperors. Another fascinating thing about our stay in Beijing was



attending the Kung Fu Show "The Legend of Kung Fu" at the Red Theatre, where I was astonished by kung-fu masters' remarkable skills and stunning movements that I used to see only in movies. Our stay in Beijing will probably be mostly remembered for our meeting with the PRC Chairman Mr. Xi Jinping, his cordial speech and our group photo, which will serve as a reminder of this memorable event. The last destination of our trip was the city of spectacular archaeological discoveries – Xian, China's ancient capital city. Visiting the Museum of Terracotta Army which is estimated to have 6000 life-size terracotta figures of warriors and horses was the highlight of our trip to this historical city. All of these things made my time in China a memorable journey.



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GSPP Publications!



- ⇒ GSPP Prof. Riccardo Pelizzo appeared in the Journal of Finance Policy of the Academy of Kazakhstan (№1 issue, July 2014) with his article **“Corruption and Education: the importance of promoting a culture of integrity”**.
- ⇒ His second article **“Public Accounts Committees in Eastern Africa: A Comparative Analysis with a Focus on Tanzania”** came up at №44 issue of Repoa Brief. It can be found here: http://www.repoa.or.tz/documents/REPOA_BRIEF_44.pdf

- ⇒ GSPP Prof. Julie Yu-Wen Chen's new paper **“Using Experimental Methods to Investigate Discriminatory Tendencies: A Lesson Report”** can be accessed here: <http://www.jsse.org/index.php/jsse/article/view/1259>

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

We congratulate the following GSPP staff and students, who have birthdays in August:

10 August - Anuar Nurmagambetov (MPP 2013)

18 August - Karlygash Karamanova (staff)

28 August - Dinara Datbayeva (staff)

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