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GSPP HIGHLIGHTS 2018

2018 Student Intake

In 2018 GSPP welcomed its largest group of 73 incoming students comprising 26 Master in Public Policy (MPP), 37 Master in Public Administration (MPA) & 10 PhD students. **For the 1st time we have 2 MPP students from Azerbaijan, 1 MPA student from Afghanistan and 2 exchange students from China and Malaysia.** This year GSPP launched a week-long boot camp for the newly-admitted MPP and MPA students focusing on improving economics, mathematics and writing skills.

Student Achievements

Six GSPP students participated in the Annual NASPAA-Batten Student Simulation Competitions 2018 in Sejong, South Korea and Beijing, China. MPP student Almas Akhmediya's team won the 1st place in Sejong hosted by Korea Development Institute (KDI). MPP Marta Tolebayeva's team won the third place in Beijing hosted by University of International Business and Economics.

Accreditation: EAPAA Evaluation

The European Association for Public Administration Accreditation (EAPAA) team held their site visit to GSPP from 7-9th November 2018. This is the culmination of GSPP's efforts to have the Master in Public Policy and Master in Public Administration programs accredited to highest standards of European universities in the field of public administration and public policy.

GSPP Executive Education

In 2018 GSPP trained through our executive education programs, 425 participants from the ministries, akimats, NurOtan party, Regional Hub, AIFC, Samruk Kazyna, Economic Research Institute, Nazarbayev University and other universities in Kazakhstan. A major highlight was the training conducted from 28 – 30 May 2018 on “Leading Change in the Public Sector” for Corpus A civil servants and “Economic Diversification and Investment Promotion: Lessons from Singapore” provided by Prof Lim Siong Guan, Advisor to the Group Executive Committee of GIC, Singapore's sovereign wealth fund and former Head of the Singapore Civil Service. During his visit Prof Lim met with State Secretary of Kazakhstan, Chairman of the Agency for Civil Service Affairs and Anti-Corruption, Governor of AIFC and conducted meeting & training for Samruk Kazyna leadership.

GSPP Annual International Conference

On 5-6 October, GSPP held our 2nd annual international conference on "Contemporary Issues in Public Administration in post-Soviet Eurasia" at Nazarbayev University in collaboration with the Astana Civil Service Hub jointly. More than 100 representatives from over 30 countries gathered in Astana to discuss contemporary public administration issues in post-Soviet Eurasia.





International Workshop on Transboundary Water Resources in Central and South Asia

The Graduate School of Public Policy in collaboration with Imperial College, UK organized a Workshop on 13-14th December 2018 about Transboundary Water Management in South and Central Asia funded by British Council. The workshop aimed to identify the potential for scientific research to contribute on good governance of transboundary river basins in Central and South Asia.

The workshop attempted to identify the major challenges to be met on transboundary water resources in the two region. Also, to provide a platform for water scientists and water management experts to share knowledge and expertise in the transboundary issues across Central and southern Asia. Higher emphasis was given on the four major thematic topics to be frequently met in the transboundary water resources of Central and South Asia as of below:

- Environmental flows and resource allocation
- Integrated water and land management
- Climate Change Adaptation in Transboundary Water Systems
- Development of policy planning and implementation frameworks for cooperation.

Participants of the conference shared their views in the video on the water management issues in Central Asia:

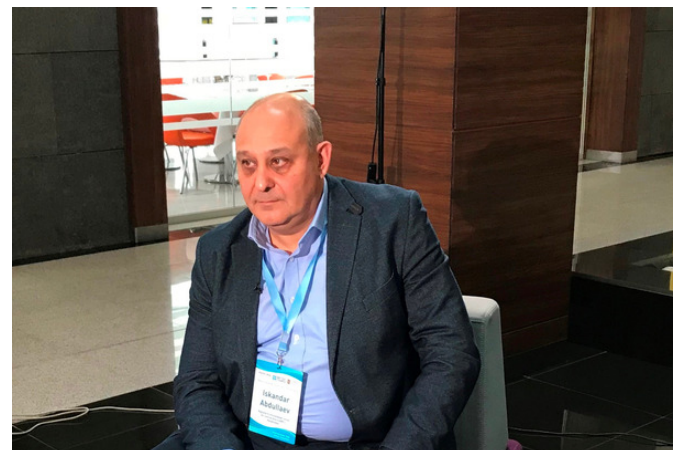


Dr. Abror Gafurov, researcher in the German Research Center for Geosciences-GFZ - Potsdam, Germany on ecological status of Transboundary Water Resources in Central and South Asia.

Dr. Abror Gafurov, researcher in the German Research Center for Geosciences-GFZ - Potsdam, Germany on whether transboundary water resources in Central and South Asia are a political instrument.

Dr Iskandar Abdullaev, Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia (CAREC), Kazakhstan, on research in the area of water resources in Central and South Asia.

Dr Iskandar Abdullaev, Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia (CAREC), Kazakhstan, "There is a tendency for integration."





Kazakhstan emissions trading system and power industry development

The Graduate School of Public Policy conducted workshop on Kazakhstan emissions trading system and power industry development. It was organized within the frames of Prof Peter Howie's project on economic approaches to greenhouse gas mitigation in Kazakhstan on 28 November 2018 for senior managers associated with the Kazakhstan Emissions Trading Scheme in international organizations, government ministries, and private enterprises. Prof Shreekanth Gupta made presentation on Global Climate Change Trends and Future Issues. Prof Peter Howie made reviews of China's Emission Trading System and Kazakhstan emissions trading system and power industry development.

Also, Prof Peter Howie made another presentation at the Conference on "Emissions trading in Kazakhstan: Looking back to look ahead" at the 6th International Association of Energy Economics Asia and Pacific conference, Wuhan, China on 3 November 2018.

ADB-ADBI-CAREC International Research Conference

The Graduate School of Public Policy at Nazarbayev University hosted the Joint ADB-ADBI-CI Research Conference on 29-30 November 2018. The CAREC Institute in close collaboration with and support of the Asian Development Bank and ADB Institute has commissioned two joint research studies on "Leveraging SME Finance through Value Chains in the CAREC Landlocked Economies" and "Measuring Impacts and Financing Infrastructure in CAREC Countries."

50 academics, think tank researchers, policy makers and students met to discuss challenges faced by SMEs in the CAREC landlocked economies in terms of their access to finance; identify cultural, procedural, institutional, and regulatory incentives, disincentives, and barriers; transmit research management experience from ADBI to CAREC Institute. Prof Colin Knox made the opening remarks and Dr Sasidaran Gopalan chaired the session on country studies.

GSPP Dean Weng Tat Hui attended Education Forums in Beijing

GSPP Dean Weng Tat Hui attended the 4th China Graduate Education Forum 16-17 November 2018 and the Asian University Alliance (AUA) Graduate Education Forum – 2018 held on November 18 in Beijing (Tsinghua University) by invitation of the AUA. During the 4th China Graduate Education Forum Weng Tat Hui attended discussions in workshops on Improving the Quality of Doctoral Education for the Future and on Practical Talents Training and Education Quality Accreditation for Professional Degree Education.

GSPP Dean also met with Dean Kaifeng Yang at Renmin University's School of Public Administration and Policy to discuss the way forward on implementing student exchange and the issues relating to proposed joint degree programs with GSPP.





GSPP recruitment trip to Mongolia

GSPP team including Dean Weng Tat Hui, Azhar Umbetova and Jansulu Abdikyerim went to Mongolia to publicize GSPP programs among universities and senior Mongolian public officials on 27 November -2 December 2018.

During the trip to Ulaanbaatar GSPP delegation met with Kazakhstan Ambassador to Mongolia, HE Kalybek Koblandin on promotion of NU in Mongolia; parliamentarian Mr Temuulen Ganzorig who is also the President of the Mongolian Youth Association, Mr Sodbileg Otgonbileg, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Security and Foreign Policy of the Parliament of Mongolia and Mr Bauirjan Zaiten Director in the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection and discussions on sending promising Mongolian youth to study at Nazarbayev University.

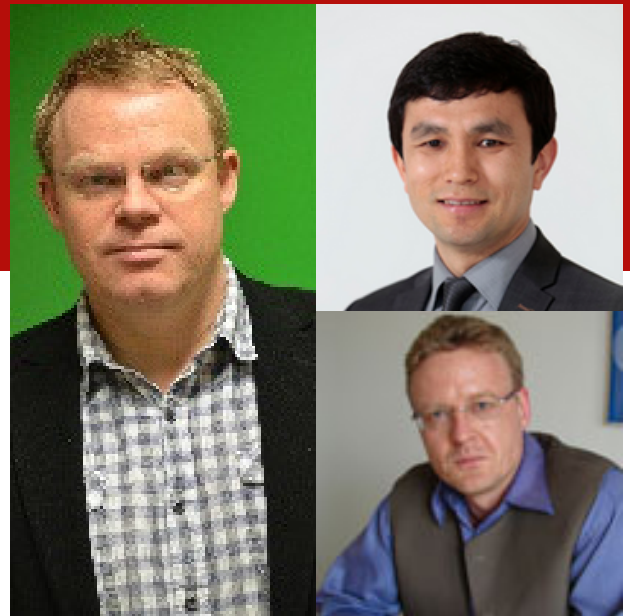
Also GSPP representatives had meetings with Rector Zulfikar Sarkit and Vice Rector B. Bayasgalan of the National Academy of Governance of Mongolia and made presentation of GSPP programs to the students at the Academy. Further on delegation met with Institute of Governance Studies, University of the Humanities, National University of Mongolia, Mongolian National University of Education. This has been a productive trip as the team was able to increase awareness of GSPP programs to students and public officials in Mongolia.

GSPP conducted Open House Day

Graduate School of Public Policy (GSPP), Nazarbayev University conducted the Open House Day on 11 December 2018. GSPP Prof Colin Knox made an overview of the GSPP programs followed by the coffee break where students could ask questions and chat with GSPP professors over a cup of coffee, and get an insight into what it's like to be GSPP student.

Dr Aziz Burkhanov also took part in the Nazarbayev University Open House Day in Almaty.





GUEST LECTURES FOR MPA STUDENTS

Bjørn Kløve, professor in water resources engineering and research director at University of Oulu, Finland, presented on the contribution of modelling in water resources management, the different types of static and dynamic models and the usage of hydrological modelling on policy relevant problems. His group carries out research on hydrological processes studies using hydrologic and isotopic measurements, remote sensing and numerical modelling.

Dr Abror Gafurov, researcher in the German Research Centre for Geosciences-GFZ Potsdam, Germany, made a thorough presentation on the climate change effects in mountainous Central Asia and the effects to watercourses in major river basins of the region. Dr. Abror Gafurov is a hydrologist with strong focus on mountain hydrology and his recent research activities are dedicated to the field of climate impact assessment on water resources in Central Asia. Moreover, he has a strong experience in using remote sensing snow cover data for hydrological studies.

Dr Kai Wegerich, Water and Energy Policy Adviser at the OSCE Programme Office in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, gave a lecture on 27th October about water-energy-food nexus in Central Asia and on 17th November on the role of transboundary water systems in water security aspects for Central Asia. Lectures were organized by GSPP Professor Stefanos Xenarios.

Publications

We are glad to share with you a joint publication of Dr Saltanat Janenova (NU GSPP) and Dr Elena Maltseva (University of Windsor, Canada) on pension reform in Kazakhstan: a chapter in the edited book and a working paper (International Labour Organisation).

Two co-authored articles of Dr Sasidaran Gopalan got accepted for publication in internationally referred journals:

Cavoli, T., Gopalan, S., and Rajan, R.S. (2018). "Exchange Rate Policies in Asia in an Era of Financial Globalization: An Empirical Assessment," The World Economy, Forthcoming.

Gopalan, S., Rajan, R.S., and Luu, N.T.D. (2018). "Roads to Prosperity? Determinants of FDI in China and ASEAN," The Chinese Economy, Forthcoming.

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The Graduate School of Public Policy at Nazarbayev University announces the start of online registration to Master's and doctorate programs for the academic year 2019-2020.

The online registration for Master's and doctorate programs will be available until April 1st, 2019 (inclusive). For any questions please contact the Admissions Department Call Center at +7 (7172) 70 65 55 and visit gspp.nu.edu.kz



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