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REGISTRATION FOR THE CONFERENCE

To participate in the Conference please register online via
<https://gspp.nu.edu.kz/en/register/>

Registration fee for attendance and participation is 2000 KZT (USD \$5)

Nazarbayev University Community including faculty, staff, students and also students of other Kazakhstani Universities are exempted from the conference registration fee

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GSPP Professors

Professor Riccardo Pelizzo, GSPP Vice Dean for Academic Affairs and Associate gave an online lecture on “Covid-19 Pandemic and the Health of Democracy” to the students of the Department of Government Studies, Faculty of Social and Political Studies, Universitas Muhammadiyah Makassar, Makassar, Indonesia on April 9, 2020.



GSP Assistant Professor Serik Orazgaliyev published an article: Orazgaliyev, S. (2020). The role of home governments in entry bargaining of multinationals: China's investment in Central Asia's natural resource sector. *Thunderbird International Business Review*, 62(3), 249-262. <https://doi.org/10.1002/tie.22128>

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GSPP Associate Professor Stefanos Xenarios organized an online Session on Water Security Frameworks, Assessment Tools and Indicators to inform Water Governance in the European Geosciences Union (EGU) Assembly on May 6, 2020.

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The session attracted quite some attention with more than 40 online participants, among them Dr. Helena Ramons, the President of the Hydrology Section in EGU. The EGU annual assembly is considered to be Europe's premier event with more than 15,000 participants, dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in the earth, planetary, and space sciences for the benefit of humanity, worldwide.

GSPP Students

GSPP conducted online PhD Thesis Proposal Defense presentations and Mid-year presentations (3rd year PhD students) on April 27, 2020.

PhD Thesis Proposal Defense presentations topics:

Job mismatches in the Kazakhstani labor market: implications for public policy

Balzhan Serikbayeva, PhD candidate

Self-selection and good governance

Zhanar Ashikbayeva, PhD candidate

Water Security in Central Asia: Economic and Policy Implications

Aliya Assubayeva, PhD candidate

Implementation of Digital policies in Agribusiness sector in Kazakhstan via Public Value Theory Lenses

Sandugash Beisenbekova, PhD candidate

Political Economy of Corporate Social Responsibility in the Extractive Industries: a Game-theoretical Analysis

Anara Makatova, PhD candidate

Land Commissions in Kazakhstan: Understanding Policy Change in "homeostatic" Policy Systems

Akbikesh Mukhtarova, PhD candidate

Labor conflicts in extractive industries of Kazakhstan

Slyamzhar Akhmetzharov, PhD candidate

Trade Creation and Trade Diversion Effects of the Eurasian Economic Union

Nazym Shalbayeva, PhD candidate

Politics of memory in some former states of the Soviet Union: Kazakhstan, Russia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan and Baltic countries

Alexandr Strokotov, PhD candidate

World Trade Organization and its impact on trade development: the case of developing countries

Mereke Tanaguzova, PhD candidate

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PhD Mid-year presentations topics:

Kazakhstan Power Generation Firms' Carbon Strategies under ETS Regulation

Daulet Akhmetov, PhD candidate,

Formative assessment panel: Peter Howie, Dina Sharipova, Riccardo Pelizzo

The Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) and investment climate nexus

Ablay Dosmaganbetov, PhD candidate

Formative assessment panel: Riccardo Pelizzo, Dina Sharipova

Open Government in Central Asia

Bakhytzhan Kurmanov, PhD candidate

Formative assessment panel: Colin Knox, Dina Sharipova, Riccardo Pelizzo

GSPP Students

GSPP MPP students submitted their Policy Analysis Exercises on April 26, 2020.

PAE topics:

Indira Davletova, Indira Makhazhan

Supervisor: Peter Howie

Evaluating the Cost-Effectiveness of Targeted Social Assistance in Kazakhstan

Yernazar Kumar, Yedige Rakhymkul

Supervisor: Peter Howie

An analysis of official Tourism Destination Websites in Kazakhstan: WQI Index assessment system

Venera Bidakhmetova, Alua Sarybay, Lazzat Sundetova

Supervisor: Kanat Abdulla

The impact of business incubation centers as a useful program to assist entrepreneurs in overcoming barriers to survive.

Daniyar Tengelbay, Laura Vaigorova

Supervisor: Omer Baris

Government involvement in academic research

Viktoriya Malikova, Aiym Daulbekova

Supervisor: Iftikhar Lodhi

How can access to higher education be improved in Kazakhstan for students from low income family?

Raikhan Agumarova, Nazerke Tursyn

Supervisor: Omer Baris

The factors affecting the vacancy rate: The Case of Expo

Ayazhan Nurgaliyeva, Aliya Bermaganbet

Supervisor: Riccardo Pelizzo

Lack of organ donation in Kazakhstan

Alibek Akimbay, Bektas Baktybayev

Supervisor: Saltanat Janenova

Analysis of the factors affecting the formation of NGOs in Kazakhstan and their current problems

Temirlan Yergaziyev, Almagul Tapayeva

Supervisor: Dina Sharipova

The Effect of surveillance system on the number of traffic rule violations and car accidents: Case study of Sergek

Inji Hasanova, Safura Aliyeva

Supervisor: Stefanos Xenarios

The Role of the Public-Private Partnership in the Management of the Vocational Education and Training in Azerbaijan

Anuarbek Yersin, Zharkenova Tokzhan

Supervisor: Maxat Kassen

An Assessment of the Rehabilitation of Convicts in Kazakhstan

Diana Kabdusheva, Rauan Shakratova

Supervisor: Aziz Burkhanov

Influence of legal and institutional form of HEIs on academic autonomy

GSPP Events

GSPP organized the first Open House Webinar on April 30, 2020. More than 75 local and global participants joined webinar and explored GSPP's courses.



**GSPP OPEN HOUSE
WEBINAR**

**APRIL 30, 2020
18:30**

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