

EVENTS

2021 GSPP CONFERENCE ON POLICY CHANGE AND STRUCTURAL REFORMS IN EURASIA (NUGSPPCONF2021)

Nazarbayev University Graduate School of Public Policy (GSPP) will host its annual Conference with several **panel sessions, keynote speakers and round table discussions.**

This event is designed to provide attendees with opportunities to discuss and find solutions on challenges related to policy change and sectoral reforms in Eurasia and also create a network with scholars and practitioners by further providing the platform for young researchers and PhD students to present their research outcomes.

Date: 15 – 16 October, 2021

Format: Online

A more detailed description of Roundtables can be found below.



NU GSPP CONFERENCE 2021

DAY 1, OCT 15

- 8:45-9:00 WELCOME SPEECH, WENG TAY HUI, DEAN OF GSPP, NAZARBAYEV UNIVERSITY
- 9:00-9:30 KEYNOTE SPEECH, JEAN-FRANÇOIS MARTEL, COUNTRY MANAGER FOR KAZAKHSTAN, WORLD BANK
- 9:30-10:45 SESSION 1: DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES IN EURASIA
- 11:00-12:40 SESSION 2: POLICY PROCESSES AND STRUCTURAL POLICY CHANGES IN EURASIA
- 12:45-13:45 ROUND TABLE 1: ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ON CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE CONTEXT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN KAZAKHSTAN
- 13:50-15:35 SESSION 3: POLICY CHANGE AND CHALLENGES FOR THE ENERGY SECTOR: REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES AND VISIONS TO 2050
- 15:45-17:10 SESSION 4: THE EFFECTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION: LESSONS LEARNED; PERSPECTIVES FOR THE FUTURE
- 17:15-18:15 ROUND TABLE 2: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION IN THE TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL SECTOR IN KAZAKHSTAN
- 18:20-18:50 SESSION 5: POSTER SESSION
- 18:45-19:00 CLOSING REMARKS

DAY 2, OCT 16

- 8:50-9:00 WELCOME VIDEO
- 9:00-10:45 SESSION 6: SECTORAL REFORMS IN EURASIA (EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS)
- 11:00-12:40 SESSION 7: ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES IN CENTRAL ASIA: CONTRIBUTION FROM JAPANESE UNIVERSITIES
- 12:45-13:45 ROUND TABLE 3: SUSTAINABLE LAND USE RESOURCES AND FOOD SYSTEMS IN KAZAKHSTAN
- 13:45-15:25 SESSION 8: PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS IN EURASIA
- 15:45-17:10 SESSION 9: WATER DESICCATION AND WATER RESOURCES DECLINE IN EURASIA
- 17:15-18:15 ROUND TABLE 4: YOUTH AND STUDENT INITIATIVES ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN KAZAKHSTAN
- 18:20-18:50 SESSION 10: POSTER SESSION
- 18:50-19:00 CLOSING REMARKS

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Roundtable Discussions on the Environmental Policy on Corporate Social Responsibility in the context of Sustainable Development in Kazakhstan

The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and sustainable development has gained attention during the last few years in Kazakhstan. Also, the state agencies support the improvement of CSR standards on a national level. There are still however major challenges to be met on the improvement of CSR in the field of environmental policy in Kazakhstan.

This roundtable will discuss the situation of CSR and environmental policy aspects by focusing on SDGs and sustainability challenges in the relevant field.

Date: 15th October, 12.45-13.45

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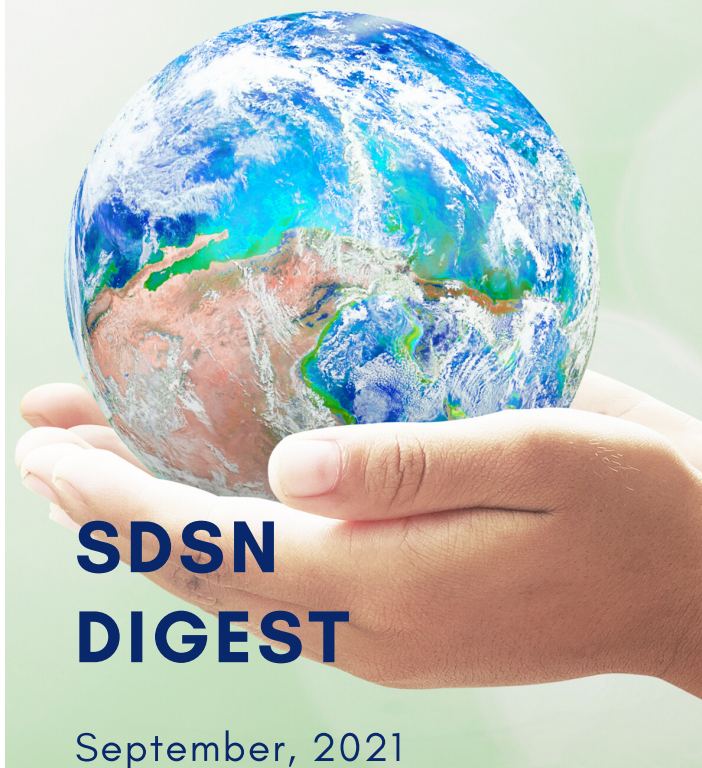
Participants:

- Kuanysh Baltabayev**
Executive Director, "ECOJER"
- Anastasiya Vorobyeva**
Assistant to General Director, CSR Champion – Alstom Kazakhstan
- Laurent Richard**
Associate Professor, NU SMG
- Alisher Kurbanaliev**
Deputy Head, "Kazakhstan Utility Systems" LLP
- Talgat Torebekov**
Department Director, Eurasian Group
- Akzan Shiranov**
Department Director, Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources
- Kairat Saktaganov**
Department Director, National Company "KazMunayGas"
- MODERATOR: Serik Orazgaliyev**
Assistant Professor NU GSPP

Roundtable: Environmental Policy on Corporate Social Responsibility in the context of Sustainable Development in Kazakhstan

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Roundtable Discussion on the Sustainable Development and Education in the Tertiary Educational Sector in Kazakhstan

Individual elements on sustainability and SDGs are already covered in different schools and institutes in Kazakhstan, nevertheless, there are few integrated programs and frameworks to address the major challenges of our era. Policy-related and structural changes are required for tertiary education in Kazakhstan to adopt novel approaches towards the better inclusion of SDGs in research, educational and operational activities.

This roundtable will discuss the incorporation of sustainable development science into the curricula of the universities in the country and the progress made towards the embedding of SDGs in tertiary education.

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Aurora Diaz Soloaga
Director, Center for the Development of Civil Society, Almaty Management University

Andrey Bogdanchikov
Vice Rector for Academic Affairs, Suleyman Demirel University

Barbara Janusz-Pawletta
Vice Rector on International Cooperation and Public Relations, Kazakh-German University

MODERATOR: Loretta O'Donnell
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Nazarbayev University

Chet Jablonski
Vice Provost of Research, Nazarbayev University

Aizhan Smailova
Director of Sustainable Development Institute, Al-Farabi Kazakh National University

Brendan Duprey
Director of the Sustainable Kazakhstan Research Institute, Narxoz University

Roundtable: Sustainable Development and Education in the Tertiary Educational Sector in Kazakhstan

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Roundtable Discussion on the Sustainable Land Use Resources and Food Systems in Kazakhstan

In the agricultural sector, along with growing investments there are major challenges due to unequal water distribution, aged agricultural machinery, shortage of skilled labor, and limited financial credit. Although Kazakhstan does not suffer from overpopulation, the growing domestic demand in the last decade, together with poor land-use management approaches, has put considerable pressure on food supply systems. These pressures request technically effective solutions, institutional reforms, and better governance schemes.

This roundtable will discuss the drivers and pressures on land use and foods systems in Kazakhstan by also referring to SDGs' attainment and its relevance with the agricultural sector in the country.

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Stefanos Fotiou
Director, Office of Sustainable Development Goals, FAO, Rome

Lilia Mussina
Senior Agricultural Policy Expert, FAO Kazakhstan

Martin Petrick
Professor, Justus Liebig University Gießen, Germany

MODERATOR: Stefanos Xenarios
Associate Professor, NU GSPP

Bakyt Ainebekova
Head, Department of livestock feed production, Kazakh Research Institute of Livestock and Fodder Production

Dietrich Schmidt-Vogt
Honorary Professor, Chair of Silviculture, University of Freiburg, Germany

Saule Moldabayeva
Director, Department of Strategic Planning and Analysis, Ministry of Agriculture

Sustainable Land Use Resources and Food Systems in Kazakhstan

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Roundtable Discussions on the Youth and Student Initiatives on Sustainable Development in Kazakhstan

Raising interest among students and youth in the field of sustainable development is a high priority for the future generation. A number of student associations in Kazakh universities have already expressed interest and have taken actions on sustainability initiatives. There has also been international cooperation of student associations in Kazakhstan with other counterparts in Europe, US and Asia to take action on the pursuing of SDGs in a wider context.

This roundtable will discuss with different student associations the challenges and opportunities for the inclusion of SDGs in student associations within the universities of Kazakhstan while the cooperation potential between the associations will be explored.

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Yekaterina Abdulkhassanova
Partnership officer of Students Sustainable Initiative, Narxoz University

Tomiris Issina
President of the UNESCO Club, Suleyman Demirel University

Dzhafar Kabidenov
VIII Secretary-General of New Silk Way Model United Nations, Al-Farabi Kazakh National University

Narkes Tynybayeva
President of the Children's Development Foundation Club, Nazarbayev University

Akzhol Malikov
President of the Legal Literacy Club, Nazarbayev University

MODERATOR: Dina Sharipova
Assistant Professor, NU GSPP

Roundtable: Youth and Student Initiatives on Sustainable Development in Kazakhstan

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GRANT-MAKING OPPORTUNITIES

New Activity Grant Program, Niwano Peace Foundation

Niwano Peace Foundation believes in the effectiveness of the 'intrinsic strength of the community' and 'problem solving through social experimental' methods. Calling for applications that challenge us to resolve divisions in society. Funding information: grant amount which one applicant can apply will be up to JPY 1,000,000 Deadline: Oct 22, 2021.

Call for Project Proposals, Foundation Franklinia

To Support Conservation of Globally Threatened Trees for nature conservation projects. Its objective is to preserve threatened tree species throughout the world and improve their conservation status. Deadline: Oct 24, 2021.

Internet Freedom Fund, Open Technology Fund

To support projects and people working on open and accessible technology-focused projects that promote human rights, Internet freedom, open societies. Funding information: min. of USD 10,000 and max. of USD 900,000 for a year-long contract. OTF's target support ceiling is USD 300,000; most receive between USD 50,000 and USD 200,000. Deadline: Nov 1, 2021.

New Call for Applications, Promoting Health Equity, Madiro

For projects enabling access to health care and promoting health equity to support relief of suffering initiatives related to health. These grants will fund organizations who work to meet the health needs of unserved or underserved communities around the world. Funding information: offering one CAD 100,000 grant, one CAD 50,000 grant and one CAD 25,000 grant Deadline: Nov 10, 2021.

Research-Practice Partnerships Grants, Spencer Foundation

To support education research projects that engage in collaborative and participatory partnerships. Open to partnerships between researchers and a broad array of practitioners. Funding information: up to USD 400,000 and durations of up to three years Deadline: Nov 10, 2021.

Call for Applications, Scientific Product Grant Program, Wildlife Acoustics

To support the advancement of animal biology research, habitat monitoring, and environmental conservation that provides scientists with resources to help further their research into biodiversity and wildlife. Funding information: up to USD 5,000 available each quarter. If an application for less than this amount is awarded, then another application can also be awarded if total is of lesser or equal amount. Deadline: Nov 15, 2021.

NEWS

Accelerating Education for the SDGs in Universities: 2021 case studies out now!

SDSN is thrilled to share a [new set](#) of 75 innovative, inspiring and diverse case studies showcasing how higher education institutions around the world are implementing and mainstreaming education for the SDGs.

The new case studies are helping to expand and update the pool of real world examples and experiences supporting SDSN's essential 2020 resource guide, [Accelerating Education for the SDGs in Universities](#), in this rapidly advancing area.

The full list of the 2021 case studies, organized loosely by guide chapter, can be found in the guide's [2021 Case Study Supplement](#). Most cases are relevant to multiple sections of the guide. We invite you to visit the case study website, blogs.upm.es/education4sdg, to explore the new and previous case studies in full, using activity and regional keywords.

