

# Global Environmental Policy

**Exploring the principles and strategies of environmental policy**

**Key words : climate change, resource and energy, disaster risk management  
municipal policy, public-private partnership, environmental awareness and action  
policy analysis, environmental politics, environmental law**



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# Research Topics

The following topics are studied with methods in social sciences and political philosophy:  
environmental policy at international, national, and local levels  
environmental awareness and behavior, environmental governance.

## ✓ Positive Research

- Processes and effects of environmental policy and litigation
- Public awareness and behavior regarding the environment
- Environmental governance of the government, civil society, and companies



## ✓ Normative Research

- Climate justice
- Environmental justice
- Public deliberation on environmental issues



# Educational activities and achievements

## ✓ Interdisciplinarity with a core

- To choose a core field/method among qualitative research, quantitative analysis, and normative study.
- To approach a research subject, utilizing observations in related areas as well

## ✓ Multilayered guidance

- Regular individual meeting with a supervisor
- Presentation and discussion at the laboratory's seminar
- Joint seminar of social science laboratories in the GSGES

## ✓ Students' achievements

- Degrees: 14 people obtained PhD degree; 38 people Master's degree
- Papers published in refereed journals: 37
- Presentations at international conferences: more than 50
- Prizes/awards: 10

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# Students' research subjects

## ✓ Various thesis themes

□ PhD, ○ Master's degree (2021 academic year)

- Reformed Environmental Impact Assessment in China: An Evaluation of Its Effectiveness
- Sensitising Justice Concerning Citizens' Acceptance of New Energy Programs in Indonesia
- The Recruiting System of Japanese Spiritual Communities: Environmentalism as a Fishing Hook
- 自治体新電力の再生可能エネルギー事業の全国規模分析
- 気候変動に関する若年層の意識: 日本の活動家の事例
- Indigenous People's Perception of Indigenous Farming Knowledge for Climate Change Adaptation in Khumbu, Nepal
- The Policy Implementation Process of Rural Living Environment Improvement: The Case of Shilong Town in China
- Sustainability of Returning Farmland to Forest or Pasture: The Case of Northern Shaanxi Province
- The Impact of Public Participation on Photovoltaic Poverty Alleviation Project in China



# Members and careers

## ✓ Members

- Faculty and staff: professor, assistant professor, postdoctoral researcher, secretary
- Students: 8 doctoral students, 12 Master's program students, 5 research students

## ✓ Internships

UNESCO Bangkok, PlanEnergi (Denmark), Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (Jakarta), Research Institute for Humanity and Nature, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Institute for Sustainable Energy Policies, etc.

## ✓ Alumni

- Universities and institutes: Kyoto University, Basque Centre for Climate Change (Spain), Green Technology Center (Korea), Thuy Loi University (Vietnam), etc.
- Businesses: Mitsui Sumitomo Banking, IBM Japan, Hitachi, Sharp, Rakuten, Mizuho Research & Technologies, Daiwa Securities, DeNA, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, etc.
- Governments and public organizations: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization, UNESCO Jakarta, etc.

