

# Global Environmental Policy

Exploring the principles and strategies of environmental policy

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



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# Research Topics

The following topics are studied with methods in social sciences or political philosophy:

- environmental policy at international, national, and local levels;
- environmental awareness and behavior;
- environmental governance by multi-stakeholders.

## Positive research

- Processes and effects of environmental policy and law
- Public awareness and behavior regarding the environment
- Environmental governance by 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: 16 people obtained PhD degree; 48 people Master's degree
- Papers published in refereed journals: >50
- Presentations at international conferences: >80
- Prizes/awards: 15

Since 2013



# Students' research subjects

## Various thesis themes

PhD,  Master's degree (2023 academic year)

- Quantitative Assessment on Water–Energy–Food Nexus in South Korea
- Prospects for Carbon Taxation in Iran: The Study of Citizens' Intentions to Pay and Policy's Fairness
  
- 日本の若者における肉の消費とジェンダー規範
- 政策学習の促進要因:地方自治体によるSDGsプラットフォームの設立
- Comparing Green Finance Policies in Japan and Hong Kong: A Perspective of Collaborative Governance
- Actual and Perceptual Barriers to Commuting Cycling in Georgia
- Residential Energy Behaviour in Japan: From the Gender Perspective

# Members and careers

## Members

As of March 2024

- Faculty and staff: professor, assistant professor, secretary
- Students: 12 doctoral students, 8 Master's program students, 3 research students

## Internships

UNESCAP Bangkok, UNFCCC (Germany), Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Japan Business Council in Europe, etc.

## Alumni

- Universities and institutes: Kyoto University, University of Tokyo, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Green Technology Center (Korea), Korea Environment Institute (KEI), Thuy Loi University (Vietnam), etc.
- Businesses: Mitsui Sumitomo Banking, IBM Japan, Hitachi, Sharp, Rakuten, Mizuho Research & Technologies, Daiwa Securities, DeNA, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, Ignition Point, GR Japan etc.
- Governments and public organizations: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Environment, UNESCO Jakarta, etc.

