

Call for participants

Hiroshima University Peace Study Tour 2023
Joint Summer Program with the Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF) and
Columbia University in the City of New York
July 31-August 8, 2023
at Higashi-Hiroshima campus, Hiroshima University

“Collaboration in Natural Resource Management – Advancing Positive Peace and the SDGs”

1. Background

Around the world, competing demands for natural resources as well as societies' reliance on ecosystem services create practical management challenges that have led to multiple crises like climate change, biodiversity loss, and loss of identity and sovereignty for local communities. In response, the international community has established aspirational agreements like the Sustainable Development Goals to reverse or mitigate those challenges. However, conflict among private sector interests, private landowners, conservation and non-profit organizations, and state, county, and local communities often inhibits progress toward implementing agreements and achieving targets. Research increasingly highlights the role that collaboration and peacebuilding can play in overcoming conflict and enabling substantive progress in achieving sustainability goals, particularly through natural resource management. This program provides an in-depth exploration of the drivers of conflict in contemporary natural resource management and practical approaches to overcoming impasse. Natural resource conflicts are unique because they require solutions that are both collaborative and environmentally sustainable. This requires that stakeholders and resource managers understand the technical boundaries of sustainability as well as each other's needs, interests, and positions.

The Summer Program will be aligned with ongoing research by the Instructor into regional sustainability issues in Japan associated with localization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). That research is investigating the drivers of conflict and cooperation on SDG implementation using quantitative and qualitative research methods. The course will explore the connections between SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, & Strong Institutions) and SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities & Communities), 13 (Climate Action), 14 (Life Under Water) & 15 (Life on Land). Students will be expected to identify a case study from the site list provided by the instructor in order to conduct an in-depth analysis. Students will undertake virtual data collection using secondary desk research as well as through participant observation and site visits with representatives of stakeholder groups. Students will be expected to conduct an analysis of the case and prepare a policy brief to be published in an online format.

Through a combination of workshops, classroom instruction, field visits, & independent research, the program will enable students to:

- (1) Integrate multiple types of data (quantitative, qualitative, geospatial, etc.) to identify the natural resources at stake in an environmental conflict and the technical aspects of sustainable resource management
- (2) Analyze stakeholder needs, interests, and positions in order to understand the drivers of conflict;
- (3) Conduct institutional review to assess the legal and administrative governance of resource and conflict management;

(4) Synthesize research findings and evidence-based policy recommendations via policy briefs that are targeted to stakeholder audiences and broader popular audiences.

The program will also consider peace in a narrow sense through actual experiences in the A-bombed city of Hiroshima, which will mark the 73rd A-bomb anniversary on August 6.

2. Program (tentative)

(1) Preparatory sessions (Virtual, 2-3times)

Date & time: In early July (Details to be informed participants)

Zoom Link: to be informed

(2) Program in Hiroshima (in-person)

	Date		AM (9:00-12:30)	PM (13:15-17:00)
Day1	Jul 31	Mon	Introduction & Framing Lectures (Prof. Joshua Fisher, CU) Lecture 1: Conflict & Collaboration in SDG attainment Lecture 2: Overview of SDG Localization and Peace at HU & in Japan Lecture 3: Overview of SDG 11	Lecture 4: Overview of SDG 14&15 Overview of Site Visits & Assignment of Group Work Lecture 5: Overview of SDG 16 and Positive Peace Lecture (Assoc. Prof. Dahlia Simangan, HU)
Day2	Aug 1	Tue	Positive Peace Workshop (IEP)	Positive Peace Workshop Group work
Day3	Aug 2	Wed	Thematic lectures Lecture 6: Poverty reduction and sustainable development by Mae Fah Luang Lecture 7: Migration issues arising from changes in the natural environment (SPF)	Group work Lecture 8: Peacebuilding, Reconstruction Assistance and Development Aid (JICA)
Day4	Aug 3	Thu	Field visit: Sustainable cities (TBD) * date is subject to change	
Day5	Aug 4	Fri	Field Visit 2: Hiroshima City Move to downtown Hiroshima	Personal Account by A-bomb survivor Visit Peace memorial museum
Day6	Aug 5	Sat	Field Visit 3: Hiroshima City Move to downtown Hiroshima	INU Symposium
Day7	Aug 6	Sun	Field Visit 4: Hiroshima City Move to downtown Hiroshima Attend Peace memorial ceremony (planned) Attend Peace project by The Center for Peace, Hiroshima University	Excursion: Miyajima Island
Day8	Aug 7	Mon	TBD	Special talk: The Current Situation in Ukraine, the Business of Reconstruction, and the Need for Solidarity Group work
Day9	Aug 8	Tue	Final presentation	Final presentation Farewell party

(3) Participants: 28 students in total: eight from Hiroshima University, four from HU's overseas partner universities, eight from Sasakawa Peace Foundation and eight from Columbia University in the City of New York

4. Application

(1) Number of positions: **Four** from HU's partner universities

(2) Student status: **Graduate students** (enrolled in Master's and Doctoral course)

(3) Requirements:

- ✓ Those who can basically participate in all the classes during the program period.
- ✓ Applicants must be able to talk about the current situation and challenges in their home country, country of residence or region.
- ✓ Applicants must have a strong interest in nature conservation, the goals of SDGs 13, 14 and 16 and a sense of mission for peacebuilding (regardless of expertise).
- ✓ Be willing to listen to lectures, work in groups and give presentations in English.
- ✓ The participants must be able to comply with the rules and regulations and participate in the entire program.

(4) How to apply

Fill out the attached form and submit it with the following documents:

- Passport copy (data page with photo)
- Academic transcript (we will check if the grades are met the scholarship requirement)
- Certificate of enrollment (Enrollment Verification) issued by your university
- Recommendation letter by your supervisor/dean (free format)

To: kokusai-ryugaku@office.hiroshima-u.ac.jp

Deadline: **Sunday 21 May 2023**

(5) Selection result

If the number of applicants exceeds the limit, a selection will be made. The selection result will be informed by the end of May (planned).

5. Fees

✓ Program fees: **Free of charge** (incl. lectures, excursion, welcome & farewell party)

✓ Other fees paid by participants:

(For students outside Japan) Air fare, transportation from airport to Higashi-Hiroshima, accommodation (booked by HU) and meals

✓ **Scholarship** (JASSO) is provided (**80,000JPY**) when the requirements are met (GPA of the previous semester is 2.3 or more out of 3)

6. Certificate of completion

A certificate of completion will be provided for participants who successfully complete the program on the last day of the program.

