

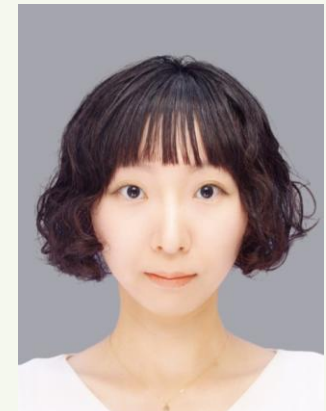
Global Environmental Policy

Social Science Research into Policy and Citizen Responses to Environmental Challenges

Keywords: adaptation and mitigation, climate justice
disaster risk management, energy justice
environmental awareness and behavior, environmental law
ethical consumption, food security, Indigenous knowledge,
sustainable business



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Research topics and methods



Interdisciplinarity with a core

- ▶ To choose a core field from social sciences
- ▶ To choose a method between quantitative analysis and qualitative study
- ▶ To approach a research subject, utilizing observations in related areas



Various topics

- ▶ Environmental policy at global, national, and local levels
- ▶ Citizens' environmental awareness and behavior
- ▶ Business strategy and action



Methods

- ▶ Quantitative statistical analysis
- ▶ Qualitative case study
- ▶ Normative research

Educational activities and achievements

Multilayered guidance

- ▶ Tutorials with a supervisor
- ▶ Presentation and discussion at the laboratory's seminars
- ▶ Joint seminars of social science laboratories in the GSGES

Students' achievements (since 2013)

- ▶ Degrees: 22 students obtained PhD degree; 55 students Master's degree
- ▶ Papers published in refereed journals: >70
- ▶ Presentations at academic conferences: >100
- ▶ Prizes/awards: 20
- ▶ Dissertations published as books: 4



Students' research subjects

PhD dissertation Master's thesis (2025 academic year)

An Integrated Assessment of the Environmental and Socioeconomic Impacts of Agricultural Subsidies in the Maldives

The Interplay of Law and Science in Indonesia Environmental Litigation

Ecosystem Collapse as Human Rights Violation: A Case Study of Urmia Lake, Northwest Iran

ESG Disclosure Mandates and Corporate Transparency: IT Firms in Japan, Taiwan, and the United States

The Science-Policy Interface in the Preparation for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Assessment Reports: An Analysis of Review Comments and Author Responses

Environmental Action and Significant Life Experiences among Environmentally Conscious Individuals

Members and careers

Members

As of March 2026

Faculty and staff

professor, assistant professor, secretary

Students

9 doctoral, 9 Master's program, and 5 research students

Internships

OECD Headquarters, UNFCCC Secretariat, UNESCO

Bangkok, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and

East Asia, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature,

Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, etc.

Alumni

- ▶ Universities and institutes:
Kyoto University, University of Tokyo, Keio University, National Institute for Environmental Studies, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature, Wuhan University (China), Green Technology Center (Korea), Thuy Loi University (Vietnam), etc.
- ▶ Businesses:
Coca Cola Japan, Daiwa Securities, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, DeNA, Hitachi, IBM Japan, Kansai Electric Power Company, Mitsui Sumitomo Banking, Mizuho Research & Technologies, Rakuten, Sharp, Veolia Jenets, etc.
- ▶ Governments and NGOs:
Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kyoto City, UNESCO Jakarta, WWF the Philippines, Ministry of Environment in the Maldives, etc.



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