Call for application
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)

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<td><strong>Day1</strong></td>
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|         | **Introduction & Framing Lectures** (Prof. Joshua Fisher, CU) | Lecture 4: Overview of SDG 14&15  
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 |
| **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 |
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: **Eight** from Hiroshima University
(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
Please apply from the link: [https://forms.office.com/r/6NVY5A0FxX](https://forms.office.com/r/6NVY5A0FxX)
Deadline: **Sunday 21 May 2023**

(5) Selection result
Selection results will be informed by **31 May** (planned)

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

6. Certificate and credit
A certificate of completion will be provided for the attendees on the last day of the program.

About Sasakawa Peace Foundation:
The Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF) (https://www.spf.org/en/), established in 1986, has worked since its inception to advance international exchange and cooperation. In order to respond to an increasing number of natural disasters and social crises, they implement and support a variety of programs and projects.

As a private Japanese foundation, they strive to strengthen cooperation at all levels between Japan and other countries. They make use of freedom as a private foundation to effectively promote activities, proposals, and exchanges in the search for a new governance model for human society.