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ONLINE PROGRAM
IN RITSUMEIKAN OIC



Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Online Program:

The Post-COVID State of Global Affairs

Monday, February 14, 2022

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Monday, February 21, 2022



February 2022 OPRO (Online Program in Ritsumeikan, Osaka Ibaraki Campus) Program will be focused on the state of global affairs in the Post-COVID world through the lens of policy science. Students will have an opportunity to take a deep look into COVAX, one of the systems in place to alleviate the COVID-19 situation, and examine the art of “negotiations and deals”. Time will also be spent conducting political gaming simulations on how to handle a possible future pandemic. Participating in this program, students will acquire broader analytical skills, and gain broader insight into the study of policy science and how we can use it to predict what is to come for our world.



This program’s lectures will be led by specialists from Ritsumeikan University and other institutions around Japan and will be supplemented with group research and discussions with Ritsumeikan University students.

Outside of courses, participants will have opportunities to meet, build friendships and strengthen international ties with other participants as well as with regular students from Ritsumeikan. Participants will take part in activities together with these Ritsumeikan students and will even take part in live-stream guided tours around sightseeing spots in the Osaka and Kyoto areas.

Upon conclusion of the program participants will be presented with a certificate of completion from Ritsumeikan University.



Program Highlights

- SDGs Lectures and Active Participation in 2 Role-playing Political Gaming-simulations
- Sessions for Group Discussion, Presentation Preparation with Support from Ritsumeikan University Teaching Assistants
- Exchange Activities with Ritsumeikan Students including a Kyoto-Osaka Area Live-streamed Tour
- Group Presentations and Conferment of Certificates of Completion





The Post-COVID State of Global Affairs

PROGRAM
SCHEDULE

TIME (Japan Standard Time)	10:45	12:15	14:30	16:00
February 14 Monday	Orientation		Buddy Exchange Activity	
February 15 Tuesday	SDGs and International Politics		Field Tour with Buddies	
February 16 Wednesday	Beyond COVAX		Gaming on the Pandemic	
February 17 Thursday	International Politics and Negotiations		Gaming on the Pandemic	
February 18 Friday	Group Discussion and Presentation Preparation			
February 21 Monday	Group Presentation		Graduate School Info Session	Completion Ceremony

COURSE
DESCRIPTIONS



Gaming on the Pandemic: Can the new treaty solve the next pandemic?

Noboru Miyawaki, Ph.D.
Ritsumeikan University
Professor, College of Policy Science



In this course, we will conduct two role-playing type gaming-simulations. One simulation will be to draft a treaty for the pandemic, which the WHO actually convention plan will adopt by 2024. Every student will play the role of either state-actor or International Organization to negotiate the adoption of the treaty. In the second simulation, as a scenario for the future, after the treaty has been adopted by consensus, countries will overcome the NEXT pandemic, though not all nations will join the treaty and there will be very vague articles to let countries implement in the crisis. Issues concerning good health and well-being (SDG 3), reducing inequalities (SDG 10), peace, justice and strong institutions (SDG 16), and partnerships for the goals (SDG 17) will be tackled in this course.



Beyond COVAX: Necessity for Establishing Global Policy and Global Institution

Takehiko Uemura, Ph.D.
Yokohama City University
Professor, School of International Liberal Arts

This lecture will examine COVAX (the COVID-19 Vaccines Global Access), one of the mechanisms to cope with the COVID-19, articulating its merits and limitations. In particular, this lecture will focus on its limitations in conjunction with the Westphalian system, including lack of finance and "vaccination nationalism", in turn demonstrating some of the alternatives to COVAX. Students learn what COVAX is, understand its alternatives, and with that knowledge and understanding, they will have a broader global vision to make a difference in the world's future.

Understanding Negotiations and Deals in Politics through Cases of Water Conflicts

Yoshinao Tamai, Ph.D.
Ritsumeikan University
Lecturer, College of Policy Science



"Negotiations and deals" in political actions prevent problems from escalating into violent, armed conflicts. These actions are extremely important, in particular, in conflicts over natural resources that can escalate easily. In this program, participants will be able to understand the political significance of "negotiations and deals" by considering international conflicts and deals over water resources.

In this course, students will understand the importance of negotiation and deals in political actions, learn that negotiations and deals can be linked to other policy areas or issues, and be able to draw up strategic policy based on negotiations and deals in gaming simulations.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 27, 2022

NOTIFICATION OF SELECTION: February 1, 2022

(Info on Payment will be sent at this time)

PROGRAM FEES: 1,000 JPY (About 9 USD)

DEADLINE OF PAYMENT: February 6, 2022

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: English

*In the event that there are more applicants than spots available, a screening of applicants will be conducted based on the contents of applicants' reason for applying.

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TO APPLY:

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