

Program in Economic and Public Policy Scholarship Track 2021-2023

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1. Program Outline

The Program in Economic and Public Policy (PEPP) is a program taught in English, offering an MA in International Public Policy. Our program is designed to transform students, upon graduation, to become well-trained economists who have sufficient knowledge to design, analyze and implement policy using economics, statistics, econometrics, data science, as well as geographic information system and satellite image analysis. For this purpose, in our program, we emphasize both quantitative skills to analyze policy, and skills to communicate to policy makers. The program provides training and the necessary skills in all fields of economics and aforementioned areas. PEPP faculty members work on a variety of issues in economics and public policy, including international trade, macroeconomics, economic growth, poverty reduction, enhancing agricultural production, micro-finance, human capital accumulation, environmental and health issues in developing countries and econometrics. We endeavor to contribute to the creation of an international community of highly trained professionals addressing the daily challenges of economic and social development.

Currently, PEPP offers two types of scholarships: the Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program (JJ/WBGSP), and the Asian Development Bank-Japan Study Program Scholarship (ADB-JSP).

In the program, students are required to write a master's thesis based on solid quantitative analysis, and to periodically present their progress to faculty members and other students. Although most students have an undergraduate background in economics, we have accepted students with a strong desire to study economics at graduate level who completed their undergraduate studies in different disciplines, such as engineering, science, statistics, law, business and sociology. Indeed, with twenty years of experience in managing the program, we can say with confidence that students from different academic backgrounds can eventually learn all the essential elements of modern economics as well as related quantitative skills and become well-trained and extremely competent economists.

The program starts in October with introductory classes, which are followed by more advanced courses. Following this, students can take a variety of applied economics and policy-oriented courses. In addition to these classes, they are also required to attend weekly research workshops, during which each student is expected to present their research progress towards their master's thesis. Students who successfully pass the master's thesis oral examination *and* obtain 30 credits or more of mandatory courses offered by our program will be awarded the degree title: *MA in international public policy*.

2.1 Short History of PEPP

PEPP (PEPPM as its predecessor) is the oldest partner program in Japan of the Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program, a large scholarship program for young professionals from developing countries funded by the Government of Japan and managed by the World Bank in Washington, DC. During the past twenty years, more than a hundred students from over forty developing countries have graduated from PEPP. The University of Tsukuba PEPP is also one of many academic institutions which participate in the Asian Development Bank-Japan Scholarship Program (ADB-JSP).

2.2 Past Scholars in PEPP

1st Cohort (10): All students received their master's degree.

(China, Mongolia, Kazakhstan (2), Macedonia, Guyana, Jordan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania)

2nd Cohort (10): All students received their master's degree.

(Indonesia, Lithuania, Azerbaijan, Peru, Egypt, Jordan, India (2), Nigeria, Zambia)

3rd Cohort (12): 11 students received their master's degree.

(Cambodia, China, Philippines, Armenia, Uzbekistan, Chile, Mexico, Egypt, Bhutan, India, Pakistan, Uganda)

4th Cohort (14): 13 students received their master's degree.

(Cambodia, Philippines, Vietnam, Rumania, Uzbekistan, Brazil, Peru, Venezuela, Egypt, Bhutan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania)

5th Cohort (12): All students received their master's degree.

(Mongolia, Vietnam, Armenia, Guyana, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Pakistan, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Zimbabwe)

6th Cohort (14): All students received their master's degree.

(China, Fiji, Philippines, Brazil (3), Chile, Ecuador, Nepal, Pakistan, Kenya (2), Ethiopia, Zimbabwe)

7th Cohort (14): 13 students received their master's degree.

(Fiji, Myanmar, Vietnam, Argentina, Bangladesh, Kenya (2), Malawi, Nicaragua, Tanzania (2), Nigeria, Brazil, Mongolia)

8th Cohort (22): All students received their master's degree. Economics (11), International Public Policy (11)

(Indonesia, Mongolia (2), Philippines, Vietnam, Brazil, Ecuador, Guatemala, Peru, Afghanistan, India (3), Nepal, Ethiopia, Kenya (3), Nicaragua, Senegal, Tanzania (2))

9th Cohort (15): All students received their master's degree. Economics (7), International Public Policy (8)

(Philippines, Vietnam, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Nepal, Pakistan (2), Sri Lanka, Kenya (3), Malawi (3), Uganda)

10th Cohort (15): All students received their master's degree. Economics (9), International Public Policy (6)

(Cambodia, Fiji, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Tajikistan, Nepal, Pakistan, Ethiopia, Malawi (2), Uganda, Zimbabwe (3))

11th Cohort (17): All students received their master's degree. Economics (10), Public Policy (7)
(Indonesia, Mongolia, Vietnam (2), Nepal, Pakistan (2), Ethiopia, Nigeria, Sudan, Zimbabwe (4),
Cambodia, China, Bangladesh)

12th Cohort (14): All students received their master's degree. Economics (11), Public Policy (3)
(Indonesia, Kyrgyz, Uzbekistan, Algeria, Pakistan (3), Ethiopia (2), Ghana, Malawi, Tanzania,
Zambia, Zimbabwe, Kazakhstan)

13th Cohort (18): All students received their master's degree. Economics (16), Public Policy (2)
(Myanmar, Uzbekistan, Guyana, Afghanistan (2), Bangladesh, Pakistan (3), Sri Lanka, Botswana,
Ethiopia (3), Liberia, Malawi, Tanzania, Solomon Islands)

14th Cohort (13): 12 students received their master's degree. Economics (12)
(Malawi, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Sudan, Liberia, Timor-Leste, Guyana, Bangladesh, Afghanistan (4))
One student from Pakistan who resumed study after deferment is currently enrolled with 15th
cohort.

15th Cohort (16): 16 students are currently enrolled, taking account of one student who resumed study after
deferment and one student who has deferred study until the next year. Economics (16)
(Pakistan (3), Liberia (2), Malawi (2), Zimbabwe (2), Indonesia (2), Algeria, Afghanistan, Mongolia,
Bhutan, Myanmar)

16th Cohort: 9 students are enrolled in a new degree program. International Public Policy (9)
(Afghanistan (2), Fiji, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Tanzania, Malawi, Ethiopia, Philippines)

2.3 Numbers of Program Enrollment in each Country (Total: 217 from 55 countries)

As of December 2020

Africa (15)	81	East Asia & Pacific (12)	40
Algeria	2	Cambodia	2
Ethiopia	14	China	2
Ghana	1	Indonesia	7
Kenya	13	Mongolia	6
Liberia	4	Myanmar	2
Malawi	12	Philippines	6
Nigeria	3	Timor-Leste	1
Rwanda	1	Vietnam	7
Senegal	1	Fiji	4
Sudan	2	Papua New Guinea	1
Tanzania	11	Tonga	1
Uganda	3	Solomon Islands	1
Zambia	2		
Zimbabwe	11		
Botswana	1		
Middle East and North Africa (2)	5	South Asia (7)	52
Egypt	3	Afghanistan	10
Jordan	2	Bangladesh	5
		Bhutan	4
		India	6
		Nepal	6
		Pakistan	18
		Sri Lanka	3
Latin America & Caribbean (10)	22	Europe & Central Asia (9)	17
Argentina	1	Armenia	2
Brazil	5	Azerbaijan	1
Chile	2	Kazakhstan	3
Ecuador	2	Kyrgyz Republic	2
Guatemala	1	Macedonia	1
Guyana	4	Lithuania	1
Mexico	1	Romania	1
Nicaragua	2	Tajikistan	1
Peru	3	Uzbekistan	5
Venezuela	1		

2.3 Long History of PEPP

PEPP started out in April, 1995 as the Program in Policy Management (PPM) under the Graduate School of International Political Economy (GSIPE) of the University of Tsukuba. In accordance with an agreement between the university and the World Bank Institute (WBI), the PPM was established as a trans-disciplinary program targeting mid-career professionals from developing and transition countries. The first cohort consisted of ten young professionals from developing countries. Subsequently, recruitment was done every two years.

The program received sponsorship for scholars from developing countries through the Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program (JJ/WBGSP). To be eligible, a candidate had to be midcareer (preferably under 35 years old), with work experience related to the policy-making process and/or research (public or private sector), or related institutions, particularly in an economics-related area. Scholars who completed course work and successfully defended their master's theses within two years were awarded a master's degree in International Political Economy.

After the expiration of the first agreement (which covered Cohorts 1 to 3), the university and the WBI extended the program. In the second contract (covering April 2001 ~ March 2007), three more batches (Cohorts 4 to 6) were awarded scholarships. The PPM was placed under the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (which took over the GSIPE). It started to accept scholars funded by the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) and the African Development Bank (AfDB). A special extension of the second contract provided funding for Cohort 7 (April 2007 to March 2009).

With the success of the program for over ten years, funding increased and more scholarship grants were provided. Starting in April 2009, the program offered two course alternatives: Course in Economic Policy and Course in International Public Policy. To reflect these changes, the PPM changed its name to the Program in Economic and Public Policy Management (PEPPM). Meanwhile, the AfDB and Japan's Ministry of Finance agreed on AfDB's withdrawal from the scholarship program. However, a student from Indonesia sponsored by a project for human resource development of the country's Ministry of Finance was admitted to study in the program.

In April 2011, the IADB and Japan's Ministry of Finance agreed on IADB's withdrawal from the scholarship program. Asian scholars, however, filled the gap left by the Latin American scholars, as the Asian Development Bank (ADB) started to award scholarships to Asian professionals. In recognition of the PEPPM's outstanding contribution in helping the University of Tsukuba to internationalize and to provide high quality education, the university administration conferred the program the "University President's Prize" in 2013.

The PEPPM has adopted several changes with the entry of Cohort 11 (2015-17). It has shortened its name to "Program in Economic and Public Policy (PEPP)". The master's program has been shortened from two years to eighteen months, as other programs in the university have shown that students can actually finish the study/research load within a shorter program duration. The start of the master's program has been moved from April to October, a schedule that gibes better with school/university openings in many other countries. There will be more PEPP students as there will be a new cohort every year (instead of every two years as before). Following reorganization in the university, the PEPP was classified as one of the Special English Programs, has been moved to the Master's Program in International Area Studies which was still under the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences. The Course in Economic Policy confers the degree of Master of Arts in Economics and the Course in Public Policy confers the degree of Master of Public Policy. The

Course in Public Policy was closed at the end of Academic Year (AY) 2018, and there is only Course in Economic Policy course from Cohort 14.

From Cohort 15, the program has accepted scholars supported by scholarship of SDGs Global Leader Program of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Five scholars who received this scholarship enrolled in 2019, and we expect that this scholarship support will continue.

In AY2020, the University of Tsukuba had an organizational restructuring of its graduate schools in order to better respond to the needs of today's rapidly changing world. As part of this reorganization, PEPP has been incorporated into the Master's Program in International Public Policy, where international and Japanese students will acquire expertise in policy making and policy analysis particularly relevant for developing countries. The new degree to be conferred is Master of Arts in International Public Policy. The program will continue to focus on economics with some slight changes in the curriculum.