

# **2011 ProSPER.Net Young Researchers' School**

## **'Learning from Japan's experiences on urban sustainability'**

**1-12 August 2011, Hosei University, Tama Campus**

### **Tentative Programme**

#### **General observations:**

- the ultimate purpose of the researchers' school is to offer an opportunity for students to be exposed to sustainability issues, while developing research skills, and to further encourage a network of students/future professionals and academics working on sustainable development. In view of this, the programme was designed building upon last year's experience so as to:
  - provide specific knowledge regarding the theme;
  - provide opportunities for research skills development, including research communication skills through activities like the 3-minute thesis competition<sup>1</sup> and Our World 2.0<sup>2</sup> workshop. The aim is to help students frame their research in a simplified manner and thus reach broader audiences;
  - stimulate interaction among participants and resource persons through group activities and field trips, that will provide context and content for students to develop a research proposal on the challenges and opportunities in expanding or transferring these practices to developing countries.
- resource persons' lectures will be split between introductory and methodological themes prior to the fieldtrips and analytical/synthesizing themes after the fieldtrips to aid the students in the development of their research proposal.

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<sup>1</sup> The 3-minute thesis competition is an activity whereby researchers present an outline of their research in three minutes and 1 slide. It is aimed at an educated but non-specialist audience and graded according to three criteria: clarity of presentation, comprehension and the engaging nature of the research.

<sup>2</sup> Our World 2.0 is UNU's web magazine, an online publication with contributions from a wide range of academics, researchers and students, where it is possible to disseminate their work, including their thinking, solutions and innovative approaches to global challenges of climate change, food, biodiversity and oil. For more information, see <http://ourworld.unu.edu>. The magazine is available in both English and Japanese.

**31 Jul, Sun**

Arrival

<b>1 Aug, Monday</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
	10:00-10:30	Opening Ceremony
	10:30-11:15	Keynote speech
	11:15-11:45	Q&A
	12:00	Lunch
	13:00- 17:00	Public conference / Panel discussion
	(13:00-14:40)	Keynote speeches
	(14:45-16:15)	Panel discussion
	(16:15-17:00)	Q&A
	17:00-	Closing
	Evening	Introductions and Programme Overview

<b>2 Aug, Tuesday</b> Lecture + Field trip	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
	9.15	Resource Person lecture 1 (General urban sustainability issues and briefing to Tokyo field trip)
	10:30	Field trip (Tokyo)
		Move to Tama campus

<b>3 Aug, Wednesday</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
	9:15	Our World 2.0 Introduction (framing research into public and policy realms)
	11:00	Resource Person lecture 2 (1 <sup>st</sup> field trip synthesis lecture)
	12.30	Lunch
	14:00	Resource Person lecture 3 (Multicultural coexistence in big cities like Tokyo – part of the 1 <sup>st</sup> field trip)
	15:45	Research plan introduction (writing a research plan)
	17:00	Close
	Evening	3-minute thesis introduction and work on three minute thesis

<b>4 Aug, Thursday</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
	9.15	Resource Person lecture 4 (Technology & Governance in big cities: waste collection, water supply and transportation)
	11:00	Resource Person lecture 5 (Satoyama)
	12.30	Lunch
	14:00	Resource Person lecture 6 (Urban city life and governance of sustainability, 2 <sup>nd</sup> field trip preparation)
	15:45	Work on research plan
	17:00	Close
	Evening	Work on three minute thesis

<b>5 Aug, Friday</b> Field trip (Hino city)	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
	Evening	

<b>6 Aug, Saturday</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
	10:00	Panel on Disaster Management
	12.30	Lunch
	14:00	Life after PhD: Panel Discussion
	15:30	Preparation for 3-minute thesis
	16:30	3-minute thesis Round 1
	17:30	Close
	Evening	

<b>7 Aug, Sunday</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
	Free day	

<b>8 Aug, Monday</b> Field trip (University of Tokyo TBC)	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
	10:00	Briefing lecture on the field trip
	Evening	

<b>9 Aug, Tuesday</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
	9.15	Field trip synthesis lecture
	11:00	Resource Person lecture 7
	12.30	Lunch
	14:00	Resource Person Lecture 8
	15:45	Group Work on Research Proposal
	17:00	Close
	Evening	

<b>10 Aug, Wednesday</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
	9:15	Resource Person Lecture 9
	11:00	3-minute thesis semi-final
	12.30	Lunch
	14:00	Resource Person Lecture 10

	15:45	Group Work on Research Proposal
	17:00	Close
	Evening	

<b>11 Aug, Thursday</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
	9:15	Resource Person Lecture 11
	11:00	Group Work on Research Proposal
	12.30	Lunch
	14:00	Group Work on Research Proposal
	15:45	Briefing on Friday's activities and preparation of Final presentation
	17:00	Program evaluation and close
	Evening	Farewell social event

<b>12 Aug, Friday International Youth Day: Inspiring the next generation of researchers in sustainability, UNU-HQ</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
	10:00	Opening Remarks
	10:20	Keynote Speeches
	11:00	Panel and Forum Discussion
	12:00	Lunch
	13:30	PhD Panel
	14:30	3-Minute Thesis Competition
	15:00	Break
	15:30	Research Proposals Presentations
	17:00	Reception
	18:00	Return to Tama campus

**13 Aug, Sat**  
Departure