

<b>Theme</b>	Sustainability in Western Japan
<b>Instructors</b>	Kohtaro Ito, Eiko Saeki
<b>Dates</b>	March 17 to March 20, 2024
<b>Locations</b>	Kyoto, Osaka, and Shiga
<b>Collaborators</b>	Ritsumeikan University, Korea NGO Center, Ikuno Tabunka Flat, and Lake Biwa Museum
<b>Number of participants</b>	20 students maximum
<b>Objectives</b>	<p>The Field Workshop (FW) offers hands-on experiences outside the classroom to further learn about sustainability. The goals of the FW are to learn from experts who are devoted to issues relating to sustainability, and to make connections between what we study in the classroom and observations from the fieldtrips.</p> <p>This FW consists of a four-day trip (<u>March 17 to 20, 2024</u>) to Western Japan, as well as classes that are scheduled before and after the fieldtrip.</p> <p>In this FW, we will consider the aspects of sustainability with specific focus on issues including: multiculturalism and social diversity; international conflict and diplomacy; biodiversity and the conservation of natural habitats; as well as (over-)tourism, conservation of cultural/historical practices/sites and residents' rights.</p>
<b>Schedule</b>	<p><b>March 17 (Sun) – Kyoto: History and Water Resource</b>  Late morning: We will meet at the ticket gate of JR Ibaraki Station (Kyoto Line)  Check-in at the OIC seminar house of Ritsumeikan University  Afternoon: Lake Biwa Canal (<i>Biwako Sosui</i>)  It has long been a dream of Kyoto to harness the water of Lake Biwa, and in 1990 the Kyoto Prefectural Government completed the Lake Biwa Canal, a combination of tunnels and bridges, in five years almost entirely by manpower. With the introduction of hydroelectric power, new factories sprang up, streetcars began running, and Kyoto's economy flourished. We will learn more about this story.</p> <p><b>March 18(Mon) – Kyoto: Culture, International Relations, and Sustainability</b>  (Collaboration with the Honors Program, Ritsumeikan University)  10:00-12:00 Elective Cultural Experience Workshop with Ritsumeikan University Students  1) Ceramic Art  2) Tea Ceremony  3) There are many representative temples of Kyoto around Ritsumeikan University, such as Ryoanji Temple and Kinkakuji Temple, and students will learn about Japanese traditional culture, urban development and over-tourism.  13:00-17:00 Policy Simulation with Ritsumeikan University Students  With students from Ritsumeikan University, students will conduct a crisis response simulation based on scenarios that could occur in actual international politics. Participants will be divided into teams for each country and will formulate policies to solve problems and maximize their own national interests through diplomatic negotiations with other countries.</p> <p><b>March 19 (Tue) – Osaka: Diversity, Social and Cultural Sustainability</b>  Morning: Korea NGO Center (<a href="https://korea-ngo.org/study/korea_fw">https://korea-ngo.org/study/korea_fw</a>)  Historically, a large number of Koreans have lived in Japan. The Tsuruhashi area is known for its high concentration of Koreans who run restaurants and shops. We will visit the Korean NGO Center to learn about the history and challenges of integration.</p>

	<p>Afternoon: Ikuno Tabunka Flat (<a href="https://www.ikunotabunkaflat.org/">https://www.ikunotabunkaflat.org/</a>) Visit an NPO to learn about multicultural efforts being made in Ikuno Ward, which has the highest percentage of foreign residents in Japan.</p> <p><b>March 20 (Wed) – Shiga: Water Environment and Sustainability</b> Lake Biwa Museum (<a href="https://www.biwahaku.jp/english/">https://www.biwahaku.jp/english/</a>) The Lake Biwa is the largest freshwater lake in Japan and the home of over 60 endemic species. This museum not only features exhibits on the geological formation of Lake Biwa and the largest freshwater fish aquarium in Japan, but also allows visitors to learn about the changing lifestyles of the Japanese people.</p> <p>*Specific times subject to change.</p> <p><b><u>Other Important Dates</u></b> <b>Deadline for application: 11:55 p.m. on December 15 (Fri)</b> Complete the application form and submit it through the Learning Management System (Hoppii) under the Assignment section.</p> <p>Preparatory and ex-post classes: See the schedule in the section, “Classes before and after the Fieldtrips.” Attendance in these classes is mandatory.</p>
<b>Precautions for Covid-19</b>	We will follow the precautions set forth by the government as well as the university.
<b>Expenses</b>	Program fee, including lodging and local transportation during the trip, is approximately 30,000 yen. This does not include the expenses for transportation to Ibaraki and from Kyoto, and meals during the trip.
<b>Financial Incentive</b>	3,000 yen or 4,500 yen will be awarded to participants in the Faculty of Sustainability Studies/SCOPE, who apply for the Field Study Incentive Program (the details will be announced on Hoppii).
<b>Selection Criteria</b>	Participation of students from SCOPE, as well as the Faculty of Sustainability Studies, will be prioritized. If more than 20 students apply for this Field Workshop, however, instructors will select participants based on the essay submitted with the application.
<b>Classes before and after the Fieldtrips</b>	<p>Preparatory Lecture:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Week of January 22 (specific date and time to be determined)</li> <li>2. The 4<sup>th</sup> period on March 11 (Thu)</li> </ol> <p>Lectures and discussions to deepen the knowledge required to understand the sites.</p> <p>Ex-post class: Date and time to be determined. Reflections on the fieldtrips</p> <p>*Attendance in preparatory lectures and ex-post class is mandatory.</p>
<b>Important Notice</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If you are interested in the Field Workshop, sign up on Hoppii (Class code: AA0251). The details of the visits and related information will be provided on Hoppii.</li> <li>2. If you decided to apply, upload the application form from the Assignment section of Hoppii by the deadline. The application form is available on Hoppii as well.</li> <li>3. Cancellation or schedule changes may be necessary depending on the COVID-19 situation.</li> <li>4. <u>You must participate in the activities on ALL dates listed above, including preparatory and ex-post classes.</u> Since this is a credit-based course, it may negatively affect your chance of earning the credits from the course, if you fail to attend any of the field trips and/or classes.</li> <li>5. Do not cancel after we have approved your participation. Cancellation after approval may incur the payment of program fee by the applicant.</li> </ol>

	<p>6. Field Workshop is a Global Open class.</p> <p>7. Once you successfully completed this Field Workshop, you will earn credits in Spring 2024 (rather than Fall 2023). Note that if you take a leave of absence in Spring 2024, the credits will not be awarded.</p> <p>8. If you have any questions, please contact Professor Kohtaro Ito (<a href="mailto:kohtaro.ito.47@hosei.ac.jp">kohtaro.ito.47@hosei.ac.jp</a>) or (Eiko Saeki (<a href="mailto:saeki@hosei.ac.jp">saeki@hosei.ac.jp</a>)).</p>
<b>Alternatives in Case of Cancellation</b>	<p>If we find out before the preparatory class that we will not be able to visit the sites due to the spread of COVID-19, the program will be cancelled with no alternatives. If we determine that we cannot visit sites after the preparatory class, the visits will be substituted with lectures and the writing of a paper.</p>
<b>Evaluation and Grading</b>	<p>Participation and report</p>