

## AY2016 Interactive Evening Lounge – Proposal/Report

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### Proposal

Date/Time	Thursday, June 16, 18:30-20:00
Place	Faculty of Engineering Building #8-536, Hongo Campus
Title	"Sustainably Successful Career Planning"
Organizer	Toshiro Nishizawa, Project Professor, GraSPP
Summary	<p>Ms. Chikako Matsumoto, formerly a World Bank Senior Financial Officer, will offer an inspiring discussion about "sustainably successful career planning." In designing your career, if you focus only on which organization you want to work for, then you will surely be challenged at this event. Ms. Matsumoto will propose an alternative approach that applies managerial knowledge and skills to your career planning. She will discuss with you how to build a successful career as a professional that is sustainable throughout your life and in all its aspects.</p> <p><u>Objective:</u> To design your career to fulfill your life and your objectives as a Ph.D. holder</p> <p><u>Target audience:</u> This session is for you, if you are currently seeking a job, you want to prepare yourself for a job at an international organization, or you are not yet certain what you want to do after the completion of GSDM.</p> <p><u>Agenda:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduction by Prof. Toshiro Nishizawa</li> <li>2. Goals of this session by Ms. Matsumoto, including the agenda and ground rules</li> <li>3. Discussion and the three key questions, facilitated by Ms. Matsumoto <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Question #1: Which organization do you want to work for and why? What does it mean for your life, both personal and professional?</li> <li>Question #2: How do you want to balance your personal life and your dream career as a professional?</li> <li>Question #3: How much success is enough for you? When and how do you know if you have achieved what you want to achieve?</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Matsumoto will explain why asking yourself these questions is important, drawing from her own experience and that of the people around her at the World Bank and Inter-American Development Bank, including fun and sad real-life anecdotes.</p> </li> <li>4. Summary, Q&amp;A and conclusions</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;">***</p>

	<p>Ms. Chikako Matsumoto is CEO of Sorraia Consulting, Inc. She provides strategic and financial consulting services to corporate and non-profit organizations seeking to raise their cross-border and international operations to the next level. Ms. Matsumoto formerly held a position of Senior Financial Officer at both the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank. She played a leading role in various international initiatives and innovative projects including natural disaster management finance, green finance, local currency finance, the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Initiative (HIPC), and the sovereign balance of payment crisis. Ms. Matsumoto holds advanced degrees in Public Policy and International Politics from both the Harvard Kennedy School and Hitotsubashi University. She is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and is fluent in Japanese, English and French.</p>
Budget	None

Proposal formally submitted on May 19, 2016 after the draft submission on May 16, 2016

## Report (submitted on July 6, 2016)

(English only)

Number of participants	10 (8 students and two faculty members) Marc-Andre Chavy Macdonald, Oh Seungchul, Erika Tanaka, Kiho Muroga, Alba Zurriaga, Priyanka Soni, Gizon Hong, Cheng-Han Yeh; Roberto Orsi, Toshiro Nishizawa
Reporter	Toshiro Nishizawa, Project Professor, Graduate School of Public Policy
Impressions /Comments	<p>The event consisted in an extremely informative conversation, occurring in a quite relaxed but productive atmosphere, led by guest speaker Ms. Chikako Matsumoto, currently CEO and President of the Sorraia Consulting Inc., who formerly worked at the World Bank and other international organizations. Ms. Matsumoto opened the event by asking the students about their future career paths and more in general about how they imagine their professional lives in the middle and long terms, providing extremely valuable advice about how to avoid common mistakes and how to make the best out of job opportunities, especially in an international environment. She recommended students to focus on understanding job market conditions and how to position oneself in the right place for the right job, by correctly investigating and identifying one's own talents, strengths and long-term goals. Finally, she stressed the importance of balance between work and personal life, which should be developed side-by-side. Throughout the event, students were extremely engaging and they certainly profited a great deal from the advice kindly provided by Ms. Matsumoto. This IELs was truly successful and reflected in full the spirit of an informal event where students have the chance to explore new dimensions of life outside the academic world.</p> <p>For the Facebook post: GSDM was delighted to host Ms. Chikako Matsumoto who kindly agreed to lead an IEL focusing on sustainable career planning. Ms. Matsumoto, currently CEO and President of the Sorraia Consulting Inc., formerly worked at the World Bank and other international organizations. She provided invaluable advice to GSDM students about how to think strategically for their professional future.</p>

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