

## 1. Research outline diagram

Outline your research proposal using graphs, charts and colors which are easy to identify in the box below.

Research Subject : Climate Change Policy in Japan: Analysis of the Factors contributing to Japan's weak Climate Change and Energy Policy Framework

Climate change is the biggest threat to society. Japan's climate change mitigation framework remains **unambitious**. Why?

### ACF

Advocacy Coalition Framework (Sabatier & Jenkins-Smith 1993)

Policy change is caused by **actors** and **beliefs**

Policy beliefs = main motivators for political change

### 3 coalitions

**RENEWABLE ENERGY**



**NUCLEAR ENERGY**



**COAL POWER**



These 3 coalitions active in Japan's climate change and energy policy making hold **opposing beliefs, obstructing** the creation of ambitious CO2 emission targets

### IMPORTANCE OF INTERESTS

This research proposes that **interests**, in addition to beliefs, are the key to understanding climate change policy making in Japan

### OPPOSING BELIEFS

Coal must be phased out



Coal is necessary

Need for expansive renewable energy introduction



Renewables should be introduced but limited

Nuclear energy should be abandoned



Nuclear energy is key to decarbonization

### HYPOTHESES



Rather than disruptive change, changes in climate change and energy policy have largely been due to **incremental changes** in policy making beliefs and interests



**Interest-based** factors have been important drivers for change, as they influence actors' beliefs, thereby indirectly contributing to change in Japan's climate change and energy policy



**Exogenous shocks** lead to indirect policy change: through shifting perspectives and priorities, they alter actors' beliefs