

持続可能な社会の実現のための研究会

Study Group for sustainable societies

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what we do in this study group? (purpose)

The purpose of this study group is to broadly explore the room and the way of academic social contribution.

While science is conducting research with a view to contributing to society, society is increasing the number of aspects that require scientific knowledge. While both society and science seek interaction, the reality does not seem to reach the ideal of working relationships, such as issues such as climate change and LGBTQ. After sharing the above recognition, this study group will exchange opinions on the current status and prospects of reflecting academic achievements in society based on the keyword: "sustainability".

How to study policy & policy study as social sciences

Since the paper explained the premise of policy research and social science, it was difficult for readers outside of the fields to understand the premise because of the large difference in academic premise. On the other hand, the issue in this paper are somewhat unclear and inadequate for researchers outside the field, leaving a lot of questions. Therefore, it can be said that it was effective as an academic discussion.

C. V. Patton, D. S. Sawicki, J. J. Clark ed. (2016) Basic Methods of Policy Analysis and Planning, Routledge, New York. Chapter 2

Urban development for resilience

The main point of this paper is that the greater the presence of resilience attributes the more developed the sustainability plans and policies. It leaves the difficulty to understand what resilience is in the each situation and the context of the society, though. We learned again the understanding and integrating the idea of resilience when developing society is important for sustainability.

Pierce, J. C., Budd, W. W., & Lovrich Jr, N. P. (2011). Resilience and sustainability in US urban areas. *Environmental Politics*, 20(4), 566-584.

Sustainable finance

In this session we studied about sustainable finance, specifically how the Japanese financial sector can mitigate increasing climate risks and support Japan's transition towards a zero-carbon, sustainable economy. We came up with the following policy recommendations: in order to address greenwashing risks, expand quality disclosure, and scale sustainable finance and ESG activities, Japan should start creating a comprehensive roadmap that comprises a set of ESG and sustainable finance policy targets for all sectors.

Schumacher, K., Chenet, H., & Volz, U. (2020). Sustainable finance in Japan. *Journal of Sustainable Finance & Investment*, 10(2), 213-246

Relations between establishing sustainable society and sciences

Through this paper, researchers keep the problems that "one key element in creating a sustainable society is a population of citizens equipped with a solid understanding of the concept of sustainability and the ability to envision solutions to current and future problems. (Erickson et al. 2010; Graedel and van der Voet 2010; Roorda 2012)." (p. 286). Our research groups also agree with this point of view. So that, it is good for us to read this as the last text.

Griswold W (2017) Creating sustainable societies: developing emerging professionals through transforming current mindsets. *Studies in continuing education*. Vol. 39 (3). pp. 286-302.

What we done in this study group? (achievement & results)

This research group allowed us to delve deeper into topics that are related to sustainability, climate change and energy. I think this contributed to a deeper consciousness among the members about how to be responsible members of society and how to tackle these important issues for the future. In addition, this research group allowed us to gain a more wider understanding than we are able to study in our respective seminars and classes, which was very valuable. The discussions we had with members who each had different points of view was very fruitful as well, contributing to more comprehensive knowledge and opinions.