Graduate study at American University’s School of International Service
www.american.edu/sis/gep/ and www.american.edu/sis/nrsd

As you advise your students on options for graduate study, I hope you will call their attention to
the interdisciplinary programs in Global Environmental Policy and Natural Resources and
Sustainable Development at American University’s School of International Service (SIS).

Please note that we have secured funding for up to 10 new graduate scholarships for our
incoming cohort of Global Environmental Policy students. This new "SIS Environmental Practice
Award" will recognize incoming students with substantive expertise and / or promise in
environmental fields with awards of US$15,000 toward tuition. Additional funding may be
available based on strength of application. Applicants interested in this award must complete
all application materials by January 15, 2018, and should send an email the head of our
admissions offices at jiang@american.edu to indicate interest.

In addition, we have created an application waiver code for prospective students for both the
Global Environmental Policy and Natural Resources and Sustainable Development programs
who are recommended by friends of the programs. Please have prospective students
contact sisgrad@american.edu to request the application fee waiver code.

Among the defining features of our offerings are the following:

Innovative degree options

We offer two distinctive degree tracks: a professional Master’s degree in Global Environmental
Policy (GEP) and a unique dual-degree program in Natural Resources and Sustainable
Development (NRSD), in partnership with the UN-mandated University for Peace in Costa Rica.

A commitment to service

The School of International Service is the most diverse graduate program in international
studies in the United States, with a core mission of service and strong commitments to
globalism, social justice, and civil society.

Strategic Washington location

Our Washington location provides access to a host of intergovernmental and nongovernmental
organizations for site visits, research, internships, and employment. As one of the longest-
standing masters programs of its type, we have a large alumni network that provides students
with mentoring and networking opportunities.
Faculty expertise

Our **world-class faculty** includes –

+ *Robin Broad* (environment and development, globalization);
+ *Claire Brunel* (environmental economics, environment and trade);
+ *Ken Conca* (global governance, water, environment/conflict/peacebuilding);
+ *Jonathan Fox* (citizen participation and transparency);
+ *Scott Freeman* (politics of development and conservation);
+ *Garrett Graddy* (agro-ecology, political ecology, bio-ethics);
+ *Vicky Kiechel* (sustainable design);
+ *Simon Nicholson* (food security, climate geoengineering);
+ *Malini Ranganathan* (urban issues, water and energy, climate adaptation);
+ *Judy Shapiro* (China, Asia, environmental security, environmental justice); and
+ *Paul Wapner* (social movements, global environmental governance, environmental ethics).

We also have several affiliated faculty of international reputation, including Dan Fiorino (US environmental policy), David Hunter (international environmental law) and Kiho Kim (marine science and oceans protection).

**Leading by example**

Our green building (LEED-certified Gold), designed by *Cradle to Cradle* author William McDonough, provides an important hub for sustainability events in the Washington area. Our campus has the largest installed solar capacity of any institution in Washington, and we are involved actively in American University’s ambitious commitment to achieve carbon neutrality by 2020.

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