

## ABOUT THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY

The School of Public Policy (SPP) at Central European University is vigorously inclusive, attracting both students and faculty from diverse backgrounds and tapping into a wide variety of knowledge sources.

SPP offers three master's degrees in public policy, and the public policy track of the Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science program. The programs are tailored for students from around the world seeking careers in the public, private, and not-for-profit sectors at the local, national, and international levels. The School's outstanding resident and visiting faculty bring a wide array of academic and practical skills to SPP's diverse classroom.

**MARKO GODART  
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APP DIRECTOR

"The APP is an opportunity to make a real difference on the ground."

Central European University is an English-language graduate university located in Budapest, Hungary.

CEU offers graduate degree programs in the social sciences and humanities, business and economics, environmental sciences and policy, law, network science, cognitive science, and mathematics.

The University is accredited in the United States and Hungary.

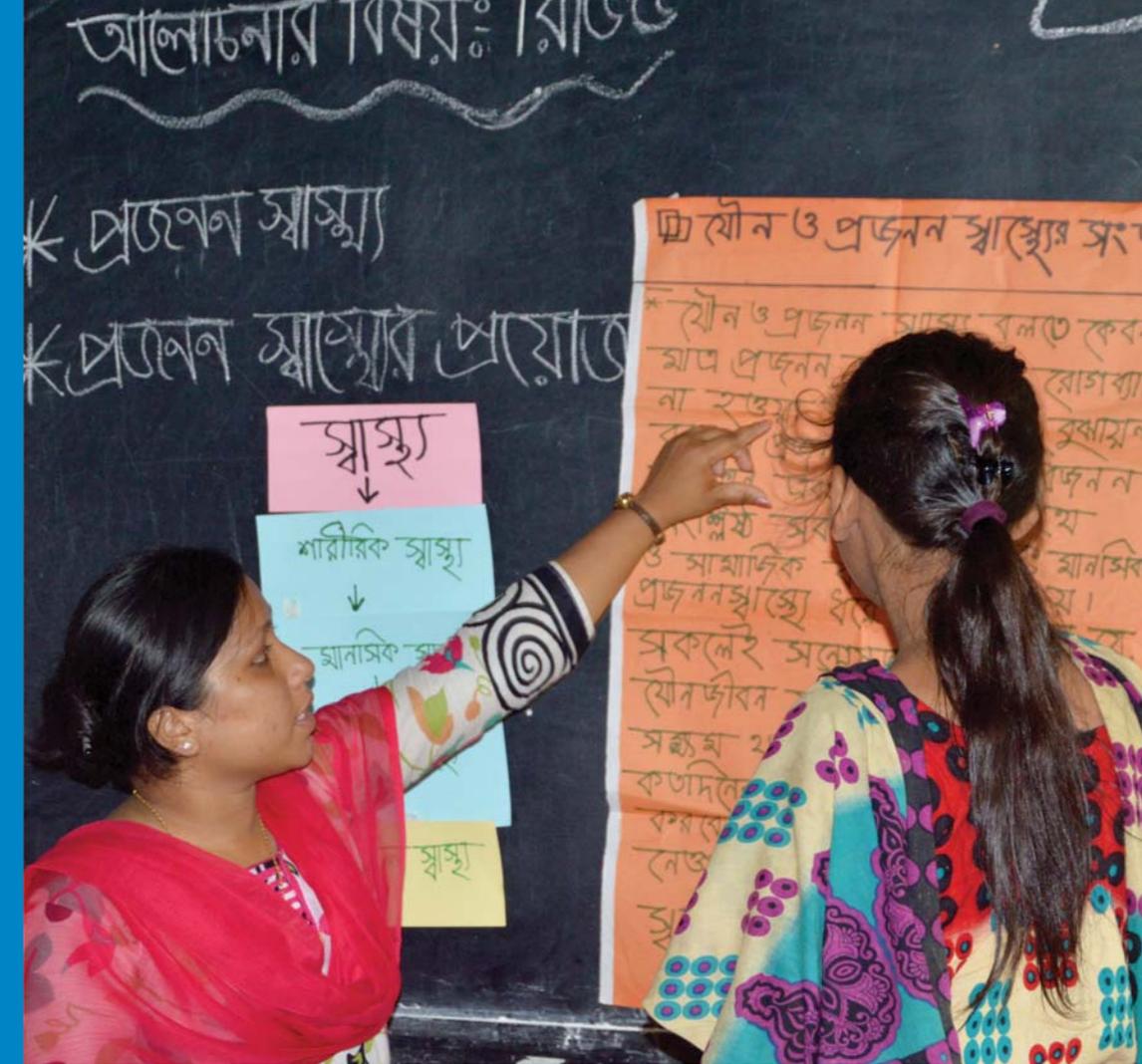
## SUPPORTING APPLIED POLICY PROJECTS

SPP is grateful to the Fund's donors whose support enables students to conduct fieldwork, interact with partners and stakeholders, analyze new data, and approach their projects with a high degree of initiative and professionalism. SPP seeks partners who will enable us to continue providing this transformative experience for our students. We invite you to make a gift to the Applied Policy Project Fund.

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## ABOUT THE APPLIED POLICY PROJECT

Applied Policy Projects (APPs) provide students with a valuable opportunity to bridge classroom and experiential learning by conducting research and addressing problems related to pressing public policy issues such as the migration crisis, civil conflict, natural resource use, and the environment. These student-run, team-based, policy-oriented capstone projects are a mandatory component of the two-year Master of Public Administration (MPA) program at the School of Public Policy.

MPA students prepare for the APP by taking a 2-credit course, Management for Applied Policy Projects, in the Winter term of their first year. The course teaches understanding and interacting with clients; work planning and budgeting; teamwork basics; giving and receiving feedback; and research, analysis, and policy development skills. These skills are developed in the context of working on a project for an external client.

During the Spring term, MPA students are placed in 2–4 person teams, matched up with a client, and assigned an Applied Policy Project. Students may propose their own project. They can also indicate a preference from among



“Unlike a thesis, with the Applied Policy Project, you get a chance to work on current issues—like the migration crisis in Greece.”

**ZOE KOSTITSI-PAPASTATHOPOULOU**  
MPA, CLASS OF 2016



### PARTIAL LIST OF APP CLIENTS

- Greek Forum of Refugees
- Human Rights Watch
- International Crisis Group
- Natural Resource Governance Institute
- UN-Habitat
- Zimbabwe Environmental Law Association

Each Applied Policy Project is different, but they share an important goal: to “make a real difference on the ground” by helping an external client to become more effective.

a list of approved clients and projects. Clients include non-profit organizations, governments, international organizations, and other policy-related institutions.

Student teams work closely with their external client, faculty advisor, and the APP program director on their projects throughout the second year of the MPA program. The teams are in residence at CEU during their projects. They have a modest budget to support their work, which many of them use for travel and fieldwork. In addition to preparing a deliverable for the client, APP teams also make final presentations at an Expo event at SPP before they graduate.