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Luis Miranda

Co-Founder, ISPP

Chairman, Centre for Civil Society

*He has been involved in setting up –
HDFC Bank and IDFC Private Equity.*

The 21st century's challenges will be at the intersectionality of samaj, sarkar, and bazaar (society, state and markets). This requires policy professionals to be trained in conceptual knowledge, quantitative methods, and practice. Delhi, despite being the heart of public policy, lacked any focused public policy institutions. Hence, ISPP emerged as the centre in Delhi for eminent academicians, policymakers and philanthropists to exchange ideas and create next-gen policy leaders.

12,500+

**Alums across
programmes, sectors,
and work experience**

150+

**Organisations engaged
as part of ISPP's career
services**

22

**States our students
and change-makers
come from**



Ajay Khanna

Professor of Practice, ISPP

*Co-Founder, Public Affair
Forum of India*

*He was the Group Global Strategy
Advisor & Ombudsperson for
Jubilant Bhartia Group.*

In my decades of experience and interactions with organisations with substantial exposure to Indian markets, there is a paucity of public policy talent who can guide these institutions in policy-making and government interactions. ISPP graduates seem to have filled that value gap while building a career for themselves and helping these organisations.



BUILT FOR NEXT-GEN POLICY LEADERS BY TOP NOTCH POLICY MAKERS



ISPP LEADERSHIP

From A Vision To A Tangible Entity



LUIS MIRANDA

Chairman &
Co-Founder, ISPP



PARTH J SHAH

Dean &
Co-Founder, ISPP



**SHUBHASHIS
GANGOPADHYAY**

Founding Dean, ISPP

ISPP

A Rendezvous of Future Public Policy Makers

The inception of the Indian School of Public Policy (ISPP) in October 2018 marked a significant stride towards the democratisation of policy-making within India. Functioning as a nexus between academia and societal progress, ISPP stands as a premier institution dedicated to cultivating the next generation of policy leaders poised to shape India's future.

With a focus on nurturing the capabilities of future policymakers, ISPP has evolved into a transformative platform, equipping over 12,500+ alumni with the requisite knowledge and skills to address the complex challenges facing contemporary society.



Dr Montek Singh Ahluwalia at 1st Annual Dinner at the ISPP campus

At the heart of ISPP's mission lies a steadfast commitment to fostering a deep understanding of public needs, ensuring that policies are crafted with meticulous consideration for their broader societal implications.

Situated amidst the vibrant landscape of the nation's capital, which also happens to be the hub of policymaking for the nation, ISPP serves as a beacon of progressive thought, catalyzing meaningful discourse and leaving an indelible imprint on the trajectory of India's development.





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Public policy creates essential guardrails in a fast changing national and global economy. ISPP attempts to create a new generation of public policy practitioners who could successfully navigate this journey.

— **DR SHUBHASHIS GANGOPADHYAY**

Founding Dean at ISPP

He was Advisor to Finance Minister in 2008

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The Socratic dialogue-based pedagogy at ISPP ensured that our batch collaborated on policy issues even outside of the classroom. That is when the idea of Samavesh took root. Niti Aayog has supported it, and it is now in use in other government agencies and academic institutions as a platform for discussion of policy issues.

— **SHASHANK MISHRA**
(Class of 2020)

Master's candidate in Public Administration
at Cornell University,
Former Senior Associate - Technology,
National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA),



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CREATING NEXT-GEN POLICY LEADERS FOR A RISING INDIA

Drive The Change You Want To See!

The USP of ISPP lies in its unparalleled commitment to fostering the next generation of policy leaders. With an esteemed faculty composed of world-class experts and seasoned policy professionals, ISPP ensures students receive the best training and mentorship. Through extensive collaborations with industry and government entities, ISPP provides students with unparalleled opportunities for real-world engagement and networking, enriching their learning experience and enhancing their professional prospects.

Setting itself apart as India's pioneer in policy education, ISPP integrates design thinking and management principles into its curriculum alongside traditional public policy studies, equipping graduates with a holistic skill set to tackle multifaceted challenges with innovation and creativity.

Moreover, ISPP's emphasis on experiential learning and practice-based education ensures that students gain practical insights and skills that are immediately applicable in their careers, solidifying its position as the premier destination for aspiring policy leaders in India.



Taught by world-class faculty and policy professionals



Extensive collaborations with industry and governments



India's first policy programme with a focus on design thinking and management along with public policy



Experiential learning and practice-based curriculum



Rishika Gaur
(Class of 2024)

Executive, Strategy & Transactions, Government & Public Sector, EY

As a UPSC aspirant, I have always wanted to play a role in policy making. Now, with a training in public policy fundamentals as problem solvers, I have been able to explore a career with EY.



Sai Manikanta
(Class of 2024)

Programme Associate, ChangeInkk Foundation

ISPP's hands-on curriculum equipped Manikanta with analytical skills and critical thinking. By approaching issues through the lens of society, government, and market, and learning from the Policy Praxis Lab, he effectively navigated public policy intricacies, leading to his successful placement with 'ChangeInkk'.



THE ISPP POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME

Your Springboard to Make an Impact

ISPP offers a comprehensive 1-Year Full-Time Programme designed to equip Next-Gen policy leaders with the necessary skills and knowledge to navigate the complexities of contemporary governance.

Spanning across 4 terms of 10 weeks each, the programme encompasses a rigorous curriculum comprising courses, workshops and policy exercises.

Delivered by world-class faculty and seasoned policy professionals, the coursework integrates cutting-edge insights with practical applications, ensuring students develop a nuanced understanding of policy formulation and implementation. The extensive collaborations with industry and government stakeholders help enrich the learning experience and prepare graduates to tackle multifaceted challenges with creativity and innovation.



1-Year Full-Time
Programme with Regular
Classes & Coursework



4 terms of 10 weeks
of Courses +
Workshops & Labs



5th term of 10 weeks
of Independent
study + Internships



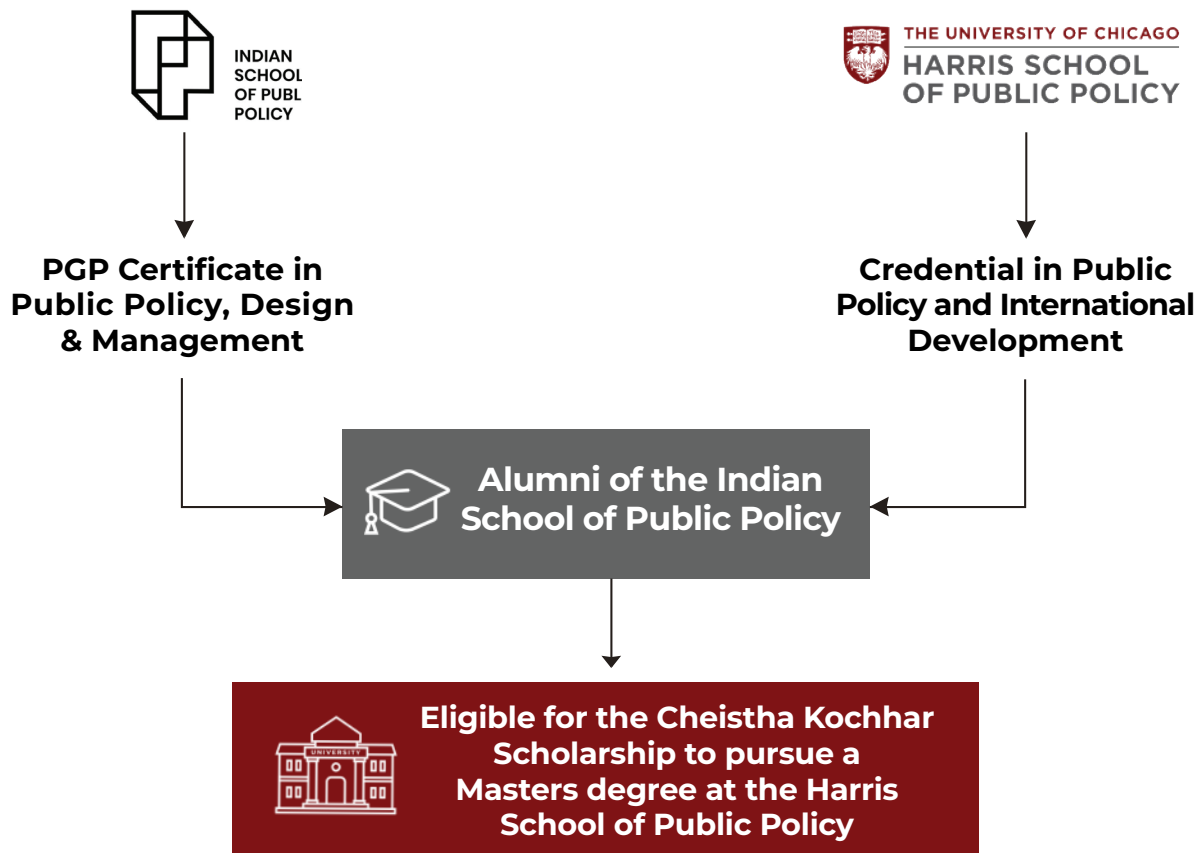
Our faculty is the backbone of ISPP, comprising of distinguished individuals with unparalleled expertise in various facets of policy design, implementation and evaluation. From leading India's nuclear policy to drafting transport policies and advising finance ministers, our faculty members bring a wealth of real-world experience to the classroom. With doctorates from prestigious institutions such as Princeton and Harvard, they are committed to providing scholars with an enriching academic as well as experiential learning.

Dr Parth J Shah

Dean & Co-Founder, ISPP

He is the founder of the Centre for Civil Society and has previously served as a faculty member at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and the Jawaharlal Nehru University.

ISPP Scholars Journey with the Chicago Harris



Scholars enrolled in ISPP's one-year Public Policy programme are eligible for a Credential in Public Policy and International Development from the Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago at no additional cost. To secure the credential, scholars must attend all lectures organised as part of the series and submit all required assessments.

In line with our philosophy of life long learning, our scholar's journey with the Harris School does not end upon graduation. As alumni of ISPP, scholars are eligible to apply for the Cheistha Kochhar Scholarship to pursue a Master's degree at the Harris School of Public Policy.



Shivam Tandon
(Class of 2023)

Manager - Public
Policy and Research,
India Tech

The one-year curriculum with a sprinkling of labs and workshops introduced me to a blueprint of policymaking. I got the exposure to a diverse set of subjects, global outlook from Harris U-Chicago lectures and learnings from some of the brilliant minds of the country. At IndiaTech.org, my learnings from the PDM programme are helping me contribute to solutions that help the startup ecosystem in India grow.



Chicago Harris

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
HARRIS SCHOOL
OF PUBLIC POLICY

at ISPP



Harris Lecture by Prof. Susan Mayer, Professor Emeritus and Former Dean, Harris School of Public Policy, The University of Chicago



Harris Lecture by Amir Jina: Assistant Professor at Harris School of Public Policy

Many young people in India are engaged in public policy work and fellowships. The University of Chicago wants to support those efforts to learn what methods work in India and can be applied elsewhere.... We are excited to collaborate with ISPP, which is fulfilling an important need for creating policy leaders. India and the world need more policy leaders who bring together evidence, social sciences, and data to take on the great questions facing us.

RANJAN DANIEL

Senior Associate Dean, Student Recruitment and Global Outreach, University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy



Harris Lecture by Michael Greenstone: Milton Friedman Distinguished Service Professor, Harris School of Public Policy



Noble Laureate Michael Kremer with ISPP scholars during his visit to India in February 2023

CURRICULUM

Open Your Mind to New Paradigms & New Perspectives

Designed to focus on skills, ethics, and leadership, the curriculum masterfully blends theory and practice. It integrates classroom learning

with skill building, application, and leadership and management training. This comprehensive approach includes foundation, core, and supporting courses.

COURSES

Design Thinking
Economics of Public Policy
Governance and Public Administration
Introduction to Public Policy
Law & Economics
Markets for Development
Monitoring and Evaluation
Policy, Corporates & Geopolitics
Public Finance & Macroeconomy
Statistical Reasoning for Policy
Understanding Behavior

MINI COURSES

Coordination and Market Failures
Game Theory
Research Methods

LABS & WORKSHOPS

Antarang Leadership Lab
Policy Praxis Lab
Professional Development Lab
Writing and Communication Lab

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Our curriculum follows a holistic approach to policy, design and management, which is based on the five pillars of Skills (S), Political Economy (P), Ethics (E), Leadership (L), and Lifelong learning (L). The SPELL framework has also been integrated into the overall learning environment at the institution.

DR O.P. AGARWAL

*Professor of Practice & Advisor, Case Study Centre,
Former Joint Secretary,
Union Ministry of Urban Development*



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DOMAINS & EXPERTS

Learn With Domain Experts

Domains have been identified as significant challenges for India as it transforms into a more evolved economy. A combination of lectures

and assignments by the domain faculty will serve to enhance the scholars' understanding of key policy issues in these domains.

EDUCATION

ENERGY

ENVIRONMENT

**FINTECH/FINANCIAL
SERVICES**

HEALTH

INFRASTRUCTURE

**FOOD SYSTEM AND
RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

TECHNOLOGY

TRANSPORT

URBANISATION



Dr Archana Gulati

*Professor, ISPP,
Former Director, Government
Affairs and Public Policy,
Google India and Former
Advisor, Niti Aayog*

The future is digital. With the foundation of digital transformation resting on equity, inclusion, safety and widespread adoption, it falls upon the shoulders of young policy professionals to guide stakeholders towards this goal. By doing so, they can ensure that digital technology is ethically designed, representative, and universally accessible to all, creating a more equitable and human centric future. Therefore, public policy courses cannot ignore the ever-evolving reality of the technology domain.

YOUR SPRINGBOARD TO MAKE AN IMPACT



VAGISHA SRIVASTAVA

(Class of 2020)

Ph.D Candidate at Georgia Tech

The emphasis on policy analysis and second order thinking at ISPP has equipped me with the tools and frameworks necessary to effectively dissect, engage with, and evaluate policy research. This has proven to be a very useful lens in my research on internet governance and cybersecurity policy studies at GeorgiaTech.

50+

**Partnerships with
corporates, government
organisations**

65+

**Network of faculty
and mentors across
programmes**

GLOBAL

**Network of faculty,
mentors, and advisors
to guide the school**



KRISHNA LADHA

Professor, ISPP

*Former Professor at IIM
Kozhikode, Former Head,
Planning and Analysis Group,
Department of Atomic Energy*

The curriculum follows an interdisciplinary approach to public policy that educates through courses covering economics, politics, and strategy and imparts domain knowledge in education, environment, technology, and urbanisation. Our professors offer state-of-the-art courses as a matter of routine and inculcate a culture that places ethics, trust, and empathy alongside scholarship. Our academic committees require that our curriculum keeps pace with the changing world. Being a one-year programme, though demanding, conserves time for our scholars. In essence, we strive to offer quality education in public policy that is comparable to the best anywhere.



NOTABLE FACULTY

Experience Innovative Learning With The Best



RAJEEV KAPOOR

Associate Dean ISPP,
State Information
Commissioner, Uttar Pradesh



NANDITA BANERJEE

Head HR & Capacity Building
at ASER Centre, Pratham
Education Foundation



DR SEKHAR BONU

Former Director General,
DMEO, NITI Aayog



KANU PRIYA SEKHRI

Business and Mindset coach,
Live Your Message



DR PRONAB SEN

Chairman, Standing Committee
on Economic Statistics (SCES)



DR RUKMINI BANERJI

CEO of Pratham
Education Foundation



DR N. C. SAXENA

Former Secretary,
Planning Commission



DR ARCHANA GULATI

Former Director, Government
Affairs and Public Policy, Google
India and Former Advisor,
Niti Aayog



DR K. SRINATH REDDY

Honorary Distinguished
Professor, Public Health
Foundation of India

IMMERSIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Quintessentially ISPP

Immersive Learning Experience (ILE) is designed to provide our scholars with real-time experience working on policy projects. ILE involves monitored engagement with a partner organisation, undertaken by ISPP scholars as a part

of their curriculum. Throughout this programme, we expect scholars to successfully collaborate with firms on live projects and apply their public policy training to solve complex challenges faced by the partner organisation.

Organisations where our scholars did their ILE:

- Abbott
- Adani Thinktank
- APCO Worldwide
- Artha Global
- Boston Consulting Group (BCG)
- British Petroleum (BP)
- Chase India
- Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW)
- Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO), NITI Aayog
- eGov Foundation
- Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)
- Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (GRAAM)
- India International Centre (IIC)
- Jubilant Foodworks
- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)
- National Institute of Public Finance and Policy
- National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)
- Ola Mobility Institute
- Public Affairs Forum of India (PAFI)
- RV VeKommunicate
- Safe Water Network
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
- TATA Steel
- The Convergence Foundation
- The Quantum Hub

Tea & Policy:

The 'Tea & Policy' conversations are a unique initiative where we invite public policy professionals from a diverse range of industry backgrounds to engage with our scholars. These events are structured as free-flowing discussions that not only provide scholars with an avenue to network with industry leaders but also give them insight into the day-to-day workings of a policy professional.



“ It was during a career advisory counselling session that I came across Shivangi Tripathi. I was impressed by her domain knowledge and ability to put diverse stakeholder views into a comprehensive perspective, which is a key requirement in policy communication. She was also the youngest to have applied for the role at Population Foundation of India. However, her outstanding understanding of public policy communication and behaviour change compelled me to offer a job to her and take her onboard as a valuable addition to my team.

Gopikrishnan

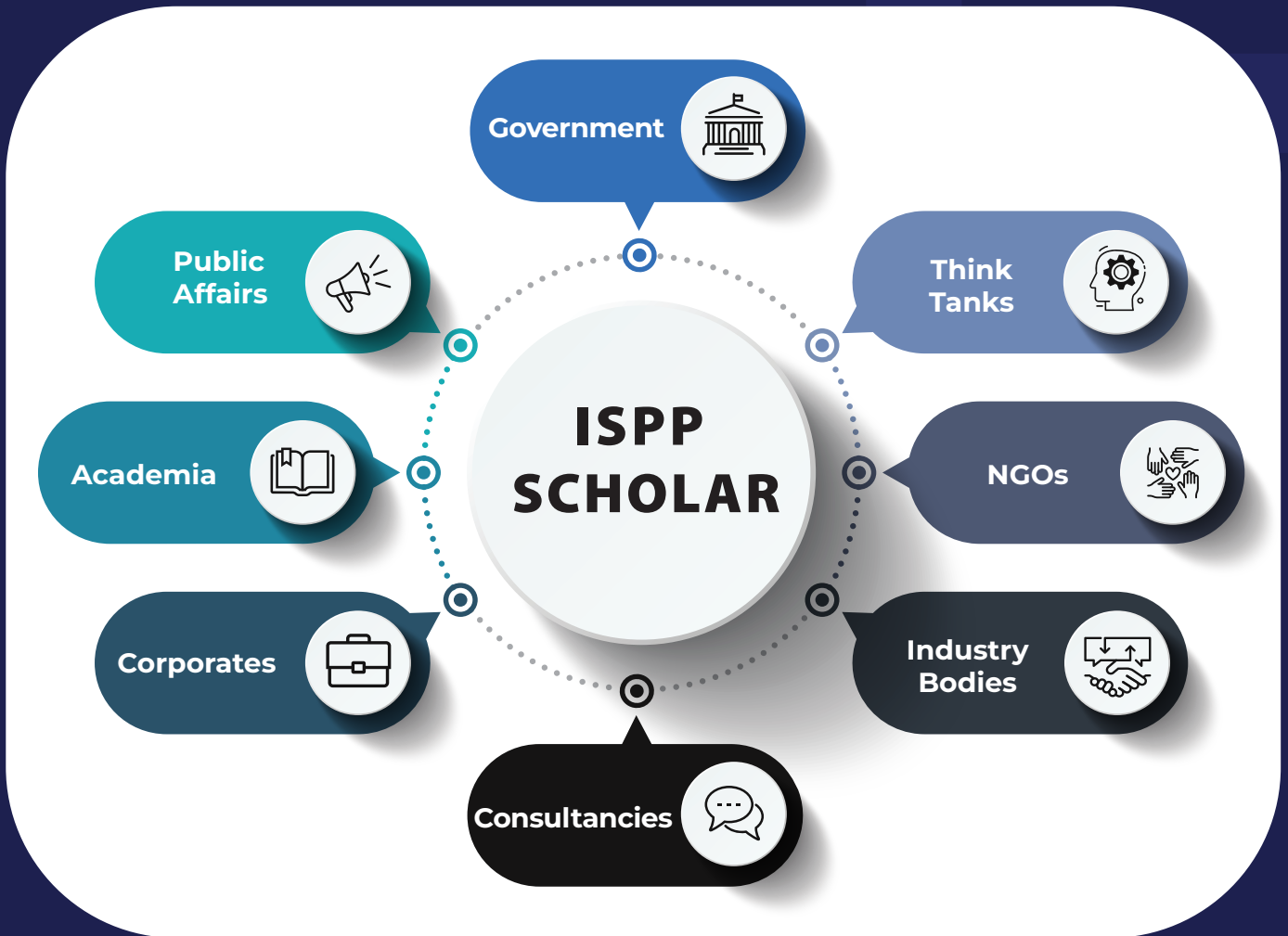
*Senior Policy Specialist,
Centre for Social and Behaviour Change*

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CAREERS IN PUBLIC POLICY

The Paths to Make an Impact



Shubhangi
(Class of 2024)

Junior Associate,
Public Policy
- Chase India

I came to ISPP with a three-year hiatus in my CV. The challenging academic environment, interpersonal skills learnt at the Antarang Leadership Lab, and narrative-building exercises helped me turn my weakness into my forte. Moreover, ISPP has provided me with a network of dependable people and a sense of belongingness.



Anshuman
(Class of 2024)

Manager - Public
Policy and Research,
India Tech

Prior to joining the PDM programme, I felt that the developmental challenges of my home state of Assam were unsurmountable. However, over the course of the year, I have come to believe that correct problem identification and training in designing interventions can be used to overcome many policy challenges. I am able to use this in my current task of performance improvement in the government.

PLACEMENTS

Our Scholars Make us Proud

ISPP trains its scholars to be leaders for policy action by rigorously training them in management, communication, and leadership skills. The Careers Support Cell at ISPP assists each scholar in exploring prospective career pathways and enabling career opportunities of the scholar's choice. At ISPP, we have designed our career support process - 'The Three Es towards Employment' - Empower, Engage, Enable - to competently leverage the varied skill sets and domain expertise that our scholars offer.

Every year, ISPP engages with over 150+ organisations and companies for Immersive Learning Experiences, recruitment, and to involve scholars in conversations about the organisation through Tea & Policy Sessions.

150+



ORGANISATIONS AND COMPANIES ENGAGED

8.2 LPA

Average CTC

308 %

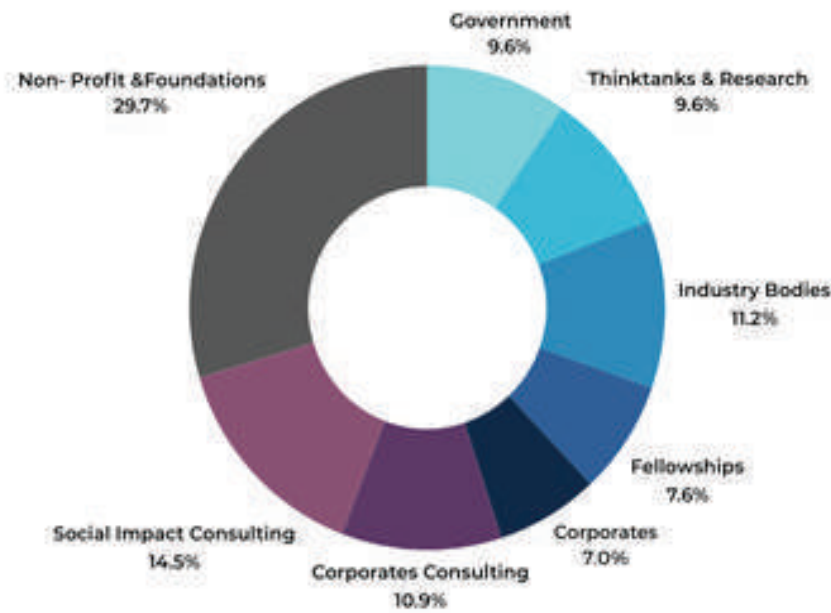
Percentage increase in Average CTC after joining ISPP

100 %

Percentage of Eligible Scholars Placed

Distribution of our Placements

All Batches Sectorwise:





PARTNERS HELPING US MAKE AN IMPACT

Think Tanks & Research



Industry Bodies



Fellowships



Non-Profits & Foundations



PARTNERS HELPING US MAKE AN IMPACT

Corporates



Government & Quasi-Government



Social Impact Consulting



Corporate Consulting





ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

ISPP Going Places



NIPUN RATHI

(Class of 2021)

Head of Public Policy and Government Affairs-
Public Policy, boAt

Mr Nipun Rathi is an accomplished professional with experience in corporate, government, and consultancy sectors. He currently heads Public Policy & Government Affairs at boAt Lifestyle. A Chartered Accountant, Nipun holds a postgraduate degree in Public Policy, Design, and Management from ISPP. He has worked with OPPO Mobiles India, MeitY, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, and NITI Aayog.

Nipun specializes in aligning business strategies with government policies, supply chain optimisation, and policy advocacy for emerging technologies. His background enables him to drive policy initiatives that promote sustainable growth, particularly in the digital economy.



PRANETA KANSAL

(Class of 2024)

Programme Manager, Inspiring Seniors Foundation

Praneta Kansal, an ISPP graduate with a strong background in economics, is a dedicated public policy professional focused on empowering senior citizens. As Programme Manager at the Inspiring Seniors Foundation (ISF), she leads initiatives like the Health Hub program, improving healthcare access for seniors. Praneta also develops resources, conducts stakeholder analysis, and has been instrumental in designing a volunteer-attracting website during her internship at ISF. Her work reflects her commitment to policy-driven social change for senior citizens' rights and well-being.

THE ACADEMIC ADVISORY COUNCIL

Guidance from Policy Makers to Next-Gen Policy Leaders

VIJAY KELKAR

Chairman of the Council, ISPP
Former Finance Secretary of
India, Padma Vibhushan

SHEKHAR SHAH

Vice Chairman of the Council,
ISPP
Director – General, National
Council of Applied Economic
Research

AJAY SHAH

Research Professor of
Business, Jindal Global
Business School

ASEEM PRAKASH

Chairperson, School of
Governance and Public
Policy, Tata Institute of
Social Sciences

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Dean of Global Business,
The Fletcher School, Tufts
University, Former Partner,
McKinsey & Company

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Department of Politics,
University of Virginia

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Ex-CEO Ayushman Bharat

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Jackson School Of Global
Affairs

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and Knowledge Department, IFAD
Visiting Faculty, Columbia University

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Associate Professor of
Government and Public
Policy, Blavatnik School of
Government, University of
Oxford

MICHEAL GREENSTONE

Milton Friedman Professor,
Harris School of Public Policy,
University of Chicago

NEETI SHIKHA

Lecturer, University of Bradford

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Professor, Department of
Mathematics and Statistics,
American University

NIRANJAN RAJADHYAKSHA

Executive Director –
Research and Strategy,
Artha Global

O.P AGARWAL

Professor of Practice, ISPP
Former Joint Secretary
(Urban Transport), Union Ministry
of Urban Development

PRONAB SEN

Professor at ISPP, Former
Principle Economic Adviser,
Planning Commission

SHUBHASHIS GANGOPADHYAY

Founding Dean, ISPP
Director, India Development
Foundation

SUSAN E. MAYER

Professor emeritus at
the University of Chicago
Harris School of Public
Policy

YUGANK GOYAL

Associate Professor
& Director, Centre for
Knowledge Alternatives,
FLAME University



CAREER ADVISORY COUNCIL

Mentored by Industry Leaders to Make an Impact

AJAY KHANNA

Professor of Practice & Advisor -
Careers, Indian School of Public
Policy; Co-Founder, PAFI

VISHWANATH TS

Director General, PAFI &
Co-founder, RV
Vekommunicate

GAURAV GUPTA

Global Managing Partner,
Dalberg

KANCHAN LALL

Director of Partnerships &
Operations, The Education
Alliance

MANASH NEOG

Co-founder & Director,
Chase India

MANISHA TULI

Senior AVP & HR Lead,
Invest India

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Managing Partner, Pontoka

MOHAMMAD ATHAR

Partner, PwC

NAMRITA JHANGIANI

Partner, Egon Zehnder

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Global Head - Corporate
Affairs, Tata Consultancy
Services

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Co-founder,
The Quantum Hub

SHRIYA SETHI

Director, Centre for Social
Impact, McKinsey & Co.

SUBHA GANGULY

Director, India Operations,
IDinsight

SWATI AGARWAL

Partner At Deloitte



1st In-Person meeting of Career Advisory Council at ISPP to build narrative for Public Policy Professionals

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS AT ISPP

A Forum to Question Thought with Policy Leaders



Arvind Panagariya: Chairman of the 16th Finance Commission of India, in conversation with the Dean, ISPP



Vinita Sethi at ISPP: SVP & Chief Public Affairs at the Apollo Hospitals Group, during a monthly lecture at ISPP



Rukmini Banerji: Chief Executive Officer of Pratham Education Foundation, during a monthly lecture at ISPP



Pramath Raj Sinha at ISPP: Founding Dean of Indian School of Business (ISB), giving a talk as part of the Antarang Leadership Lab



Mosaic network: Public Affairs professionals from Europe and US Public Affairs professionals from Europe and US discussing the importance of strategic communication, stakeholder engagement, and adapting to global contexts for success in public affairs.



DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS AT ISPP

A Forum to Question Thought with Policy Leaders



Rajeev Chandrasekhar: Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology



Mr Chetan Krishnaswamy-VP Public Policy at Amazon: shared insights on the evolving role of public policy in private companies and its impact on promoting an inclusive economy.



ISPP Students
at Public Affairs Forum of India (PAFI)



Mr Baijayant Jay Panda: Honorable Member of Parliament, Kendrapara, Orissa, delivered a talk focusing on managing diverse interest groups and engaging all stakeholders in crafting inclusive policies.



Tea & Policy: Dansheika Ruffin and Alison Williams from the US embassy: The distinguished political scientists engaged in a thought provoking session on U.S. governance, electoral processes, diversity and inclusion in campaigns, and the dynamics of the U.S.-India bilateral relations.



Amitabh Kant, G20 Sherpa,
Chief Guest at the ISPP Convocation



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