**Research Plan**

**Application to the Graduate School of Political Science, Waseda University**

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| Potential Advisor | 1st Choice (**Mandatory**) |  |
| 2nd Choice (**Mandatory**) |  |
| 3rd Choice (**Mandatory**) |  |

**Academic Background and Motivation**

Describe your past studies and academic interests (e.g., themes of your undergraduate/master's thesis), present work, and any special skills, experience or achievements that prepare you for graduate school. Give your reasons for wanting to study at the GSPS, and indicate your career goals after graduation.

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**1. Title**

State the title or topic of the research you intend to undertake at the GSPS.

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**2. Abstract**

Briefly describe your intended research.

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**3. Research Context**

Include a brief overview of the general research area within which your intended research falls (e.g., comparative politics, international relations, public administration, etc.) and situate your intended research in recent scholarly debates. In doing so, you should also describe the relationship between your intended research and the research of the potential research supervisors at the GSPS who you have indicated above.

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**4. Research Questions**

State the central aim(s) and question(s) of your intended research at the GSPS. These should be verifiable by academic and scientific methods, and you should expect to be able to complete their verification within the duration of your master’s or doctoral program.

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**5. Research Methods**

Explain how you are going to conduct your research and discuss the feasibility of the research methods you propose. In doing so, you might explain how the methodological training you will receive at the GSPS will help you achieve your research objectives.

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**6. Academic originality of the research and possible impacts on society in general**

Discuss the academic originality of your intended research as well as the impact it could have on society in general.

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**7.** **Bibliography**

List citations for the most relevant academic articles or books for your research topic.

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