

# NTU Plus Academy Global Vision Workshop

NTU Plus Academy Global Vision Workshop, hosted by the Office of International Affairs on July 13-15, 2021, was conducted in English for students with a passion for international issues. The participants included mostly high school students from Taiwan, but also students from abroad, such as Indonesia, Hong Kong, and Japan. The participants' diverse nationalities and backgrounds added an interesting layer to the experience.

The workshop theme was Pandemic and Change, and Associate Prof. Ching-Hsuan Gary Lin of NTU's D-School was invited to share insights into Entrepreneurial Action and COVID-19. Besides discussing how to make breakthroughs with innovative thinking, he guided and coached the students in developing an innovative thinking procedure of their own to facilitate Innovation & Entrepreneurial Action. Associate Prof. Lin highlighted the importance of generating ideas, solving problems, and collaboration in the procedure.

Several professors of the Department of Political Science contributed to the program by adapting their expertise in politics and economics for the context of the pandemic. An expert on climate change, Associate Prof. Tze-Luen Lin presented the challenges of global environmental changes



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and compared the environmental protection policies and energy issues of different countries. Associate Prof. Yi-Feng Tao delved into global economics by comparing statistical data. Lastly, Associate Prof. Hans Hanpu Tung analyzed how different governments around the world addressed the political challenges wrought by COVID-19.

Some NGO representatives discussed how to keep up with international affairs during the pandemic. Chiayo Kuo, President of Taiwan Digital Diplomacy Association, addressed how to make an impact on international communities through social media. Yenchen Lee, Senior Coordinator of the Taiwan Alliance in International Development, highlighted the difficulties of providing humanitarian aid abroad in the current context.

The workshop courses were conducted online with student advisors leading group discussions afterwards. The participants' final presentations combined course content and their personal experience. A panel discussion was also organized for graduate school students to offer pointers and advice for the participants. The professors generously gave comments and feedback after each presentation so the students gained a more in-depth understanding of the topics and issues.

The firm hope of the Office of International Affairs is that the student participants will be able to face the challenges of global changes with confidence by this broadening of their horizons in a multicultural setting, as well as deepening their understanding of the pandemic situation in Taiwan and around the world.