

To the Dean of Osaka School of International Public Policy, the University of Osaka,

## Pledge

I, the undersigned, pledge to uphold the regulations regarding research misconduct, in particular, specific research misconduct\* as defined in the Regulations regarding the Promotion of Research Integrity at the University of Osaka when submitting a degree thesis/dissertation for my doctoral degree application.

In addition, I understand that if the acts of misconduct as stated in this pledge are judged by the university to have occurred, the received degree will be cancelled.

\*Regulations regarding the Promotion of Research Integrity at the University of Osaka(excerpt)

(Definitions)

Article 2

In these regulations, “misconduct” is defined as inappropriate behavior in research activities, such as fabrication, falsification, plagiarism, duplicate submissions or inappropriate authorship, and other such serious deviations from research ethics, and taking into account the code of conduct of scientists and social norms.

2. Among the forms of misconduct specified in the preceding paragraph, “specific research misconduct” in these regulations shall refer to fabrication or falsification of research data or research findings, or plagiarism in published papers, etc., whether intentional or attributable to gross neglect of basic due procedural diligence as a researcher, and the meaning of the term shall be as defined in the items below:

- (1) Fabrication: making up non-existing data or research findings
- (2) Falsification: manipulating research materials, devices or processes, tempering with data or the findings obtained through research activities to make them inconsistent with the facts
- (3) Plagiarism: using other researchers’ ideas, analyses, methodologies, data, research findings, publications, or terminology without their approval or without proper citations

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Osaka School of International Public Policy

Doctoral Course

Department: International / Comparative Public Policy

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