

Environmental Sociology

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Research Themes

1. Study of environmental conservation consciousness through quantitative research.

Professor Hosaka is currently examining environmental conservation consciousness through quantitative research (Related fields: social psychology)

[Research example]

The table on the right shows the proportions of individuals who answered 'agree' to five questions regarding waste reduction. These results indicated that residents of Tokyo had greater environmental conservation consciousness than students in Nagasaki. Our lab analyzes possible reasons for this discrepancy.

	Agree
Survey in Nagasaki (2010: students)	21.1%
Survey in Nagasaki (2006: students)	21.4%
Survey in Nagoya (2006: students)	17.3%
Survey in Nagoya (2005: students)	16.5%
Survey in Tokyo (2000: citizens)	38.3%

2. The German Green Party

Professor Hosaka is also conducting qualitative research into the success experienced by the German Green Party (Related fields: political sociology, qualitative research).

【Research Themes of Graduate Students】

- Consideration of the gap between awareness of environmental conservation issues and pro-environment behavior.
- Relationship between animal-rearing, character development, and the awareness of animal conservation.
- Relationship between adoption of trends among university students and environmental conservation consciousness.
- Examination of awareness regarding whaling.

【Sociology Q & A】

Q: What is sociology?

A: Sociology is an academic discipline that students can focus on in university, and examines general issues facing society. Environmental sociology tackles environmental issues using sociological knowledge and research methodology.

Q: Do I need to use mathematical calculations to analyze the results of a questionnaire or survey?

A: You can accomplish this with the latest statistical software in order to make your job easier.