

Course number		U-LAS01 20013 LE38					
Course title (and course title in English)		Japanese Intellectual History I-E2 Japanese Intellectual History I-E2		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation		Graduate School of Education Associate Professor, Niels van Steenpaal	
Group		Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		History and Civilization(Issues)	
Language of instruction		English		Old group		Group A	
				Number of credits		2	
Number of weekly time blocks		1		Class style		Lecture (Face-to-face course)	
				Year/semesters		2025 • First semester	
Days and periods		Wed.2		Target year		All students	
				Eligible students		For all majors	
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
<p>This course will introduce the student to the “ intellectual history ” of the Tokugawa and Meiji periods (1600-1911), both as a body of knowledge, and as a particular historical method. That is, besides deepening our understanding of the philosophies, ideologies, and mentalities that helped shape this period, we will also develop the skills necessary to meaningfully examine these ideas as academic problems. Through class discussion based on research literature and in-class presentations, we will reconstruct the way in which Tokugawa and Meiji contemporaries thought (or did not think) about a wide range of issues such as prostitution, discrimination, gender, education and the nation.</p>							
[Course objectives]							
<p>Upon the successful completion of this course, students will:</p> <p>(1) be familiar with the presuppositions and narratives of historical trends such as Marxism and modernization theory.</p> <p>(2) have a general understanding of early modern Japanese history as well as some of the ideas and ideologies that defined this particular period.</p> <p>(3) be able to efficiently and effectively distil the essence of academic writing, and structure and present one ' s own ideas in a lucid manner.</p> <p>(4) be able to pose meaningful historical questions, and conduct independent research according to the methodological requirements of intellectual history.</p>							
[Course schedule and contents)]							
<p>Course activities per week:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction 2. Reading Assignments 3. Reading 1 (Orientalism) 4. Reading 2 (Nation-State) 5. Topic Discussion 6. Reading 3 (Kabuki) 7. Reading 4 (Publishing) 8. Proposal Discussion 9. Proposal Discussion 10. Reading 5 (Prostitution) 11. Reading 6 (Race) 12. Presentations 							
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13. Presentations

14. Presentations

[Course requirements]

Competence in reading academic literature and in discussing its content in English is a prerequisite for this course. Furthermore, although not a strict requirement, it is recommended that the student will either precede or follow up this course with Japanese Intellectual History II - E2.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grading will be based on attendance, participation, class reports, and a term research paper as follows:

30% Attendance and Participation

30% Class Reports

40% Research Paper

(Students who are absent more than 4 times will automatically fail this course)

[Textbooks]

Not used

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

(1) read the assigned readings (20-30 pages)

(2) prepare a "reading sheet" for each reading

(3) prepare a "report sheet" one or two times during the semester

(4) write a term research paper

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students should be aware of the fact that student interest in this course sometimes exceeds its capacity in which case enrollment permission will be decided based on a random lottery.

Students who have inquiries of any kind are welcome to contact me by email. In doing so, however, please heed the following:

1. write in either Japanese or English, whichever language you are most proficient in.

2. write in a formal format appropriate to the university setting.

Emails that do not conform to both items will be sent back without a response.

[Essential courses]