科目ナンバリング	U-LAS06 20022 LE42				
授業科目名 <英訳>	Japan’s Political Economy-E2 Japan's Political Economy-E2	担当者所属 職名・氏名	法学研究科　教授　HIJINO Ken		
群	人文・社会科学科目群	分野(分類)	法・政治・経済(各論)	使用言語	英語
旧群	A群	単位数	2単位	週コマ数	1コマ	授業形態	講義（対面授業科目）
開講年度・開講期	2026・前期	曜時限	火3	配当学年	主として1・2回生	対象学生	全学向

[授業の概要・目的]

This class presents an overview of Japan's post-war modern history and investigates select issues in its political economy. The class is organized into two parts: 1) an analysis of the politics, economics, and society in Japan's post-war history (1945-2020) and 2) an exploration of Japan's industrial relations, gender equality, demographic changes and inter-generational conflicts, centre-local relations, environmental issues et al. as analyzed through the interactions of political forces/institutions and market forces/economic institutions

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The goal of this course is for students to begin to contemplate the interactions between politics, economics, society, and global contexts of a nation over time, i.e. historically. Another goal is for students to improve their English reading and writing skills through studying in English a subject that they may be familiar with in the Japanese language.

[授業計画と内容]

1. Introduction: What is modern history? What is political economy? Why study Japan?

Part one: Japan's post-war history 1990 to 2020

2. Occupation-era Japan: democratization and demilitarization, the "reverse course" and the Yoshida doctrine (1947-51)
3. Post-war economic miracle: economic and social transformations (1952-73)
4. Political struggles and accommodation in the High-growth era (1952-73)
5. End of the High-growth era: Nixon shocks and Oil shocks (1971-1980)
6. Japan in the 1980s: conservative heyday and Bubble economy (1980-1990)
7. Japan's lost decades: economic stagnation and social insecurity (1990-2020)
8. Japan's lost decades: institutional reform and political transition (1990-2020)

Part two: Special topics in Japan's post-war political economy (1945-2020)

9. Industrial relations, employment structures, inequalities, and precarity
10. Gender equality issues
11. Inter-generational conflict and "silver democracy"
12. Centre-local relations and rural deopulation
13. Sustainability and environmental issues
14. Exam preparation

Total:14 classes and 1 feedback

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[履修要件]

This course does not require any prior knowledge on Japan's post-war history or political economy. Students will be expected to read about 20-30 pages of rigorous and academic, though not technical, English. Students will also be expected to write their assignments in English (although this may change according to the class level).

[成績評価の方法・観点]

Students will be evaluated on short quizzes = 30 % and a final exam OR term paper (depending on student numbers) = 70 % for their grade.

[教科書]

Andrew Gordon 『A Modern History of Japan: from Tokugawa Times to the Present (Third Edition)』（Oxford University Press）ISBN:978-0199930159（other readings will be assigned accordingly）

[授業外学修（予習・復習）等]

Students will be expected to spend at least 2-3 hours reading and preparing for each class.

[その他（オフィスアワー等）]

I will not have fixed office hours, but students may contact me by email for appointments or questions about the course.

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