科目ナンバリング	U-LAS07 10004 LE31						
授業科目名 <英訳>	Current Issues in Japan II Current Issues in Japan II			担当者所属 職名・氏名	非常勤講師 迫田　さやか		
群	人文・社会科学科目群	分野(分類)	日本理解			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・後期	曜時限	木3	配当学年	全回生	対象学生	留学生

[授業の概要・目的]

The primary purpose of this class is to deepen our understanding of a variety of issues in Japan.
Japan is the world’s third-largest economy and can be categorized as one of the world's most prosperous nations. However, there are many seemingly intractable challenges that the country and people are facing.
Throughout this class, we will cover a wide variety of these issues that Japan is currently facing.
During this course, participants will learn about the low birth rate, the aging society, marriage, divorce, gender, economic inequality, labour issues, poverty, Hikikomori, discrimination social exclusion, medical services, and other aspects of the country.
The course consists of lecture-based instruction followed by guided discussion and short and final essay.
At the end of each class, students are expected to discuss the lecture topics and consider policies.

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The primary goal of this class is that the students could deepen their understanding as followings:
1. Based on statistical data and official documents, analyzing the social issues in current Japan by using the methods of economics and sociology.
2. Comparing Japanese society's characteristics and social problems in modern Japan with those of other countries.

[授業計画と内容]

The tentative schedule is as follows. However, it may be changed according to the progress of the class and requests by students.
Population Issues
Week 1) Introduction
Week 2) The Population Pyramid and its Transition
Week 3) Institutional Design for Low Fertility and Aging Society
Week 4) Marriage and Non-marriage.
Gender Issues
Week 5) History of Women's Empowerment in Society
Week 6) Division of Labor in the Household: Comparison with other countries
Week 7) Gender Consciousness and Marriage
Week 8) Divorce/Sexual Infidelity Behavior Economic Disparities
Week 9) Japan's Economic Disparities (1)
Week 10) Japan's Economic Disparities (2)
Week 11) Economic Efficiency and Income Redistribution Policies
Week 12) How to write an academic essay: for non-social science students
Labour Issues and Poverty
Week 13) Labour patterns in Japan (non-regular employment, freeters, and NEETs) and its problems
Week 14) Social Exclusion, Hikikomori, Discrimination
Feedback

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[履修要件]

This class is limited to international students. No prerequisites are required. It would be appreciated if you are interested in and committed to learning about Japan's current issues and comparing them with those of the mother country.

[成績評価の方法・観点]

Attendance and participation:30%, Final essay:70%

[教科書]

Handouts will be distributed at each class.

[授業外学修（予習・復習）等]

Review the contents of the lectures and prepare for the essay

[その他（オフィスアワー等）]

No specific date and time. Please make an appointment by e-mail.

[主要授業科目（学部・学科名）]