

科目ナンバリング		U-LAS06 20040 LE42							
授業科目名 <英訳>	Democracy in Crisis-E2 :Government of, by, and for whom? Democracy in Crisis-E2 :Government of, by, and for whom?				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	月3		配当学年	主として1・2回生	対象学生	全学向
<b>[授業の概要・目的]</b>									
Course goal: To learn to read critically and learn about democracy from quality articles/book reviews/journalism (Foreign Affairs, Economist, London Review of Books, New York Review of Books, etc.)									
We consider the following questions about democracy									
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is democracy? How is it under threat?</li> <li>2. How does free-market capitalism/ globalization/ class, race, and territorial divisions affect the health and viability of democratic processes? Is there an alternative to democracy?</li> <li>3. How might democracy end? Can it stop/survive climate change and other planetary catastrophes?</li> </ol>									
<b>[到達目標]</b>									
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Critical reading: understanding what is said, how it is said, but also judging if arguments are logical and/or supported by adequate evidence, and comparing author's claims with others</li> <li>2. Identifying arguments and evidence</li> <li>3. Summarizing and presenting what you have learned to others</li> <li>4. Connecting and comparing ideas (from other readings)</li> <li>5. Improving English reading, writing and speaking abilities</li> </ol>									
<b>[授業計画と内容]</b>									
Topics covered in 2025 AUTUMN [subject to change depending on how the course fares]									
What is democracy?									
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduction: what is democracy and democratic?</li> <li>2. Democracy as expression of values and ideas</li> <li>3. Democracy as institutions and processes</li> <li>4. Democracy index</li> <li>5. Autocracy or democracy?</li> </ol>									
How is it under threat?									
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Polarization and division</li> <li>7. Apathy and indifference</li> <li>8. Corruption</li> <li>9. Populism</li> </ol>									
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10. Poor representation: silver democracy / geographic imbalance

How can it be improved?

11. Lotto-cracy
12. Lowering vote age
13. Deliberative democracy
14. E-democracy
15. Local democracy

Total:14 classes and 1 feedback

**【履修要件】**

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**【成績評価の方法・観点】**

Assessment Method

- Students will be evaluated on their weekly reading responses of about 500 words each (50% = 5% x 10) and a final term paper (50% of grade) which will be minimum 2,000 words as well as 200-word summary and separate citation/referencing
- I will accept assignment submissions in both Japanese or English.

**【教科書】**

使用しない

**【参考書等】**

(参考書)  
授業中に紹介する

**【授業外学修(予習・復習)等】**

1. Read various articles and speeches about democracy and its challenges: approx.. 5,000 words every week
2. Each student prepares and submits a response to one of the articles/speeches in the readings for the week: write down three of the most important/interesting arguments in one article/speech and three questions for the class for discussion submit to LMS assignment page
3. Reading time = 2-3 hours, preparing summary 60 minutes; expect total of 3-4 hours of extra-class preparation every week
4. You will also be assigned a final term paper that brings together the different topics covered in the 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.

**【主要授業科目(学部・学科名)】**