科目ナンバリング	U-LAS06 20045 LE42				
授業科目名<英訳>	Local Government in Comparative Perspective-E2 Local Government in Comparative Perspective-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・後期	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 course introduces students to the universe of local government and local democracy. It asks students to think about why modern local governments exist at all, their designs and consequences, and potential in terms of contributing to challenges such as climate change, inequality, and globalization. We investigate these themes by looking primarily at the Japanese local government system but also in comparison to other local government systems elsewhere.

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After taking this course, students should be able to explain the basic features of the origin and evolution of modern local government systems (both in federal and unitary systems), their institutional designs and consequences, and how their “performance” can be compared. Such knowledge should be grounded in empirical cases and examples including, but not limited to, Japan.

[授業計画と内容]

1. Introduction and overview: modern states and local government
2. The historical origins of modern local government
3. Institutional designs: constitutional frameworks
4. Institutional designs: local government powers
5. Institutional design: local government finance
6. Institutional designs: local government electoral systems
7. Institutional designs: local government executive systems
8. Institutional designs: local government bureaucracy
9. Institutional designs: multilevel party politics
10. Discussion and presentations
11. Discussion and presentations
12. Discussion and presentations
13. Discussion and presentations
14. Discussion and presentations

Total:14 classes and 1 feedback

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[履修要件]

Students do not need to have any background in social sciences or political science, though this would be helpful. Students should be able to read English texts (supplemented by Japanese material for Japanese students), engage in discussion during class, and complete a final term paper with referencing of a minimum 2,500 words.

[成績評価の方法・観点]

Biweekly class assignments (reading summaries and presentations): 50 per cent
Final term paper and/or examination: 50 per cent

[教科書]

授業中に指示する
There will be no textbook, but suitable articles and readings (in English with supplementary readings in Japanese) which will be assigned from handbooks and articles, each week.

[参考書等]

（参考書）
Hijino, K. V. L. (2017). Local politics and national policy: Multi-level conflicts in Japan and beyond.
曽我謙吾 (2019) **日本の地方政府**
ヒジノ、ケン （2015）**日本のローカルデモクラシー**

[授業外学修（予習・復習）等]

The student would be expected to spend some 2 hours a week reading and 1-2 hours preparing assignments for this class.

[その他（オフィスアワー等）]

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