

科目コード／科目名 (Course Code / Course Title)	DM175／Japan Studies Program K		
テーマ／サブタイトル等 (Theme / Subtitle)	Japanese politics and society		
担当者名 (Instructor)	シュプレンベルグ フェリックス(SPREMBERG FELIX)		
学期 (Semester)	秋学期(Fall Semester)	単位 (Credit)	2単位(2 Credits)
科目ナンバリング (Course Number)	ICC2621	言語 (Language)	英語 (English)
備考 (Notes)			

授業の目標(Course Objectives)

This online course is designed as an introduction to Japanese politics and society. It provides participants with basic knowledge of the relevant institutions and advances their understanding of the critical issues of contemporary Japan with regard to institutional and cultural change against the backdrop of globalization.

授業の内容(Course Contents)

The course provides an overview of Japanese politics and society with an emphasis on the tight interrelations between these areas. It goes beyond the instruction of basic facts by also highlighting the unresolved questions about and contradictions in Japanese society. In this sense, the various institutions are presented as contingent phenomena reflecting societal compromises and changes. This serves to encourage the participants to further look into these subjects on their own. Based on the provided literature, we will discuss fundamental issues such as the changing structure of Japanese society, the political system, social inequality, the media, education, as well as public discourses. We will also together analyze material such as party programs, organizations' websites and other online media. Most session will be supplemented by a participant's presentation.

This class will be online only. Participants are required to give a live presentation. All students will take a final online test. As this is an online class, we will spend up to 100 minutes online on Zoom every week. Please expect to be online and actively contribute to class discussions in Zoom.

授業計画(Course Schedule)

1. Introduction
2. Is Japan a vertically structured society?
3. Is Japan a horizontally structured society?
4. The power structure in Japanese society
5. The Japanese Party System
6. Minorities in Japanese society
7. Japan's changing system of social security
8. Japan in the age of globalization: race for the exits?
9. Subcultures in Japan
10. The Japanese Media System
11. The Japanese education system
12. Japan inside: A reinvention of the Japanese economy?
13. Final discussion/ test preparation
14. Final online test

授業時間外(予習・復習等)の学習(Study Required Outside of Class)

Participants are required to read and prepare texts as a basis for discussions. All readings for the class, presentations, and exercises will be sent by email and/or uploaded to Rikkyo Jikan and Blackboard.

成績評価方法・基準(Evaluation)

最終テスト(Final Test)(40%)/Presentation(40%)/Class participation & discussion(20%)

テキスト(Textbooks)

なし

参考文献(Readings)**その他(HP 等)(Others(e.g.HP))**

注意事項(Notice)