

科目コード／科目名 (Course Code / Course Title)	DM491 / Global Society and Local Communities		
テーマ／サブタイトル等 (Theme / Subtitle)	How global trends and issues affect local communities		
担当者名 (Instructor)			
学期 (Semester)	春学期(Spring Semester)	単位 (Credit)	2単位(2 Credits)
科目ナンバリング (Course Number)		言語 (Language)	英語 (English)
備考 (Notes)	For PEACE and DLP students		

授業の目標 (Course Objectives)

The main objective of this course is to raise awareness among students about various political, economic and social issues from all around the world, and encourage them to think about such problems from different viewpoints.

Another objective is to, through the study of important English terms from the fields of economics and political science and brief debates, enable students to improve their ability to discuss international issues.

授業の内容 (Course Contents)

While looking at how increased globalization of recent years has affected communities around the world, we shall examine the relationship between global conditions and changes on one hand, and various problems in local communities (such as conflict, poverty, economic disparity, inequality in education and health, or environmental destruction) on the other.

授業計画 (Course Schedule)

1. a) Course introduction b) What is "global society"; what is "globalization"?
During this class the students will be informed about the goals and contents of the course, as well as about the grading criteria and expected attitude in the class.
Furthermore, we shall briefly examine the concept of global society, the definition of globalization and some main views regarding the character and effects of globalization.
2. What is globalization?
In this class we continue talking and thinking about various aspects of globalization in general.
3. How global political changes and relations affect local communities I
Here we shall examine how global changes in political systems, political trends and power relations affect individual countries and local communities in them. We will examine issues such as ethnic conflicts, ethnic cleansing and refugee crises.
4. How global political changes and relations affect local communities II
During this class we will turn our attention to the issues of democratization and human rights and think about how movements seeking political freedoms and political turmoil can affect the lives of ordinary citizens.
5. How global political changes and relations affect local communities III
In this class we shall address the issue of large migrations caused by political instability and persecution and how they affect local communities.
6. Globalization, economic development and economic inequalities I
In this lecture, while also taking up the economic benefits of globalization and economic-growth oriented policies, we shall focus on economic problems in local communities brought about by globalization, global markets and pursuit of profit, such as the income gap, poor working conditions, etc.
7. Globalization, economic development and economic inequalities II
In this lecture we will focus on the issue of labor migrations, how it affects receiving and sending communities.
8. Guidance regarding the term-end paper
During this class, students will be given information regarding the format of the term-end paper and grading criteria. Instructions will also be given regarding how to write a persuasive, objective paper.
9. Resistance to social and political change: religion and local communities
Here, we shall consider the impact of religion-inspired conflicts of recent years on the lives and livelihood of people in local communities.
10. Social inequalities in a global age I
Here we shall discuss the role race, ethnicity and religious affiliation play in the creation of social inequalities in the age of globalization.
11. Social inequalities in a global age II
In this class we will focus on social inequalities in communities related to class, gender and sexuality.
12. Climate change and local communities
Here we shall examine the issue of how climate changes of recent decades are impacting the environment, health and

livelihoods of people in local communities.

13. Environmental destruction and local communities

Here we shall look at issues such as environmental pollution and deforestation, and their impact on local communities.

14. Course summary

Here, we shall look back at the entire course and think about the relationship between global and local issues.

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

Students will be required to read a book or scholarly paper in English or Japanese in order to prepare for their term-end paper. Students will be encouraged to look up English words they could not fully understand after each class.

成績評価方法・基準 (Evaluation)

レポート試験(Report Exam)(80%)/Attitude in class(20%)

テキスト(Textbooks)

Handouts will be provided in each class.

参考文献 (Readings)

Reading materials will be introduced in the class.

その他(HP等) (Others(e.g.HP))

注意事項 (Notice)