

Course Title 科目名	Japanese Economy B 日本の経済 B			Instructor 担当者	KATO, Mariko 加藤 真理子		
Semester 学期	SPRING 2024	Course Level 履修年次	N/A	Credits 単位	2	hrs/wks 時間数/週	2
【Course Objectives: 授業の到達目標】							
This course aims to gain overviews of the current and modern Japanese economic / social problems. Matters of Japanese economy are deeply affected by the particular cultural and historical backgrounds, which form special institutions. Based on the understandings of Japanese economy, we will discuss current issues in Japanese economy and society, and their possible future development. Also, aims to seek possible international partnership.							
【Course Summary: 授業の概要】							
Japan has suffered from the structural changes of economy and society for 30 years as known as “lost decades”. In those period, economic and social conditions have been worsened and accordingly increased poverty, as the old institution remains in Japanese society and Japan has failed to accommodate itself to globalized market. Economic policies highly dependent on monetary easing apparently have failed to break the deadlock. Socio-economic aspects such as excessive muscular labour market based on life-long employment and old structure of market supports monopolistic structure of Japanese low-growth economy. In the gloomy mood, countless social concerns and worries amidly arise - aging society and social instability. Now, Japan is facing substantial cultural changes for moving its economy forward, and socio-cultural contexts should be focused on in this economic course.							
【Study Required outside Class (Preparation etc): 事前・事後学習】							
Reading assingment and data assingment will be provided at class.							
【Class Outline: 授業計画(各回の授業内容)】							
Session 1	Introduction						
Session 2	Development of Modern Japanese Economy (1)						
Session 3	Development of Modern Japanese Economy (2)						
Session 4	Factors of Japanese Economic Growth						
Session 5	Factory tour (excursion as class replacement: TBA)						
Session 6	The Bubble economy and "lost" 3 decades						
Session 7	Labour Market Discrimination: Age						
Session 8	Discrimination against Women in Japanese Society						
Session 9	Poverty in Japan						
Session 10	Inequality in Japan						
Session 11	Misorganized Welfare Sytems as Anti-youth and Anti-Aged						
Session 12	Economic Integration in Globalized Economy: between China and the U.S.						
Session 13	International Cooperation for Development						
Session 14	Future prospects on Japanese Economy						
【Textbooks, Course Materials: 教科書、参考書等】							
Shibata, Saori.(2020) Contesting Precarity in Japan: <i>The Rise of Nonregular Workers and the New Policy Dissensus</i> , ILR Press; Watanabe, Richard Hiroaki. (2020) <i>The Japanese Economy</i> , Agenda Publishing; Tsurumi, S, Patricia. (2020) <i>Factory Girls: Women in the Thread Mills of Meiji Japan</i> , Princeton University Press; to, Takatoshi, (1992) <i>The Japanese Economy</i> , MIT Press; Iyoda, Mitsuhiro, (2010) <i>Postwar Japanese Economy: Lessons of Economic Growth and the Bubble Economy</i> , New York: Springer							
【Grading Criteria: 成績評価の方法】							
Course Participation grade (10%) Quiz (mini-test): ×2(20%) Mid-term paper: 1 x 1000 word essay (30%) Term paper: 1 x 2000 word essay (40%)							
【Note: 履修上の注意】							
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