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Core Courses

Course Title	Transnational Markets and Civil Society	Instructor	KIM Ji Young
Course Objectives/ Overview	<p>Japan's International Relations</p> <p>This course is designed to provide students with a deeper understanding of Japan's international relations since the end of the Cold War. We will discuss major international events and issues that have affected Japan's political, security, and economic relations with major international actors. This course is composed of three main segments. The first segment explores an overview of Japan's international relations following the end of World War II. In this segment, students will discuss several theoretical perspectives interpreting Japan's international relations. The second segment examines Japan's security relations with its neighbors including China, South Korea, and the US. In this segment, major security issues and alliances between Japan and these countries will be discussed. The final section will discuss Japan's economic policies toward East Asia and regional institutions. This will include Japan's ODA policy, relations with ASEAN countries, as well as policies toward regional economic institutions. This segment pays special attention to the role that Japan has played as a regional economic leader. This course will guide students to critically think about the present and future of Japan through understanding its foreign policy toward major international/regional actors.</p>		

Course Title	Normative Basis of Global Society	Instructor	KAJITANI Shinji
Course Objectives/ Overview	<p>Philosophical Practice</p> <p>The aim of this course is practicing philosophy. Students are expected to have their own questions to be shared by other participants. We focus on finding, refining questions and discuss them to learn to philosophize, i.e. to deepen and widen our thinking.</p>		

Research Workshop

Course Title	Research Workshop I - III (Only for Program Students)	Instructor	GSP Academic Advisors
Course Objectives/ Overview	To be announced in class.		

Elective Courses

Course Title	Theory of International Interdependence I	Instructor	KIHARA-HUNT Ai
Course Objectives/ Overview	<p>International law related to human security</p> <p>This course aims at introducing relevant international law for considering human security, and to analyze a few related topics under those laws.</p>		

Course Title	Theory of International Interdependence III	Instructor	HIGASHI Daisaku
Course Objectives/ Overview	<p>Learning Theory of International Relations and Creating Research Proposal</p> <p>The purpose of this course is 1) to learn basic theory of international relations and 2) to create research proposals by the students who are taking this course; they will develop and improve the quality of these research proposals by engaging with the instructor and other students.</p>		

Course Title	Theory of Social and Cultural Diversity I	Instructor	ELLIS Toshiko
Course Objectives/ Overview	<p>Reading Japanese Novels: The Dilemma of the Modern and Beyond</p> <p>This course is designed to give students an opportunity to acquaint themselves with a range of Japanese novels written between the late 19th century and the present. We will place a particular focus on how the Japanese writers struggled to come to terms with the idea of the modern, and explore the nature of the dilemma these writers faced in their attempt to incorporate modernity. Starting with the pioneering writers of the Meiji period, we will move on to the writers of the later periods and will also deal with the new writings of the younger generation in contemporary Japan. Some of the works will be examined in detail, using different critical approaches to analyse their thematic construction, structural characteristics and stylistic features. Most of the texts dealt with in this course are widely read works by well-known authors, but I am hoping to introduce some new readings, and also hope that students will actively participate in discussions to exchange their own reading of the text.</p>		

Course Title	Theory of Social and Cultural Diversity II	Instructor	GRENON Isabelle
Course Objectives/ Overview	<p>Introduction to phonetics and phonology</p> <p>This seminar presents a review of the basic foundations of phonetics and phonology (e.g. phonetic transcriptions, allophones, phonological features) as well as more advanced topics (e.g. understanding and reading spectrograms, phonological theories). Throughout this course we will put this knowledge into practice, doing spectrogram analyses and solving phonological problems.</p> <p>This class is one of the four introductory courses in linguistics and is mandatory to those MA1 students who will write their MA theses in the field of linguistics. Students who major in another field than linguistics but are interested in phonetics and phonology are also welcome. However, students who have already taken Linguistic Theory III at the undergraduate level cannot take this class.</p>		

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Course Title	Theory of Social and Cultural Diversity III	Instructor	O'DEA John
Course Objectives/ Overview	<p>Philosophy of Images</p> <p>In this course, we will read a recent monograph of the philosophy of images. Topics to be discussed will be the nature of pictorial experience, images as aids to scientific discovery and understanding, the nature of mental imagery, and others.</p>		
Course Title	Comparative Studies of Social and Cultural Diversity I	Instructor	GILBERT Helen
Course Objectives/ Overview	<p>Earth Futures: Ecological Themes in Contemporary Film and Literature</p> <p>This course investigates human interactions with the natural world, as depicted in feature and documentary films, fiction, poetry and theatre since the 1970s. With a focus on works Australia, Asia and the Pacific, students will explore different representations of land and water environments, as well as key themes such as global warming, bio-terrorism, resource depletion and human relations with other species. The aims of the course are a) to understand how humans are transforming life on earth and our possible futures, and b) to shed light on different societies' visions and experiences of nature and how these perspectives relate to complex social conflicts and cultural histories.</p>		
Course Title	Theory of Transnational Markets and Civil Society I	Instructor	SATO Yasunobu
Course Objectives/ Overview	<p>Law and Development for Dispute Processing: International Cooperation for Local Governance</p> <p>Based on studying the theory of "law and development" as well as examining practice of "law reform technical cooperation, this seminar advances study of the rule of law in transition. The transitional economies and post-conflict countries require establishment of the rule of law by effective judiciary as non-violent dispute processing for peace-building. In the transition stage, however, ADR (alternative dispute resolution), such as arbitration, conciliation, mediation and negotiation is useful not only in domestic, but also transnational dispute processing. In particular, "access to justice" must be enhanced for human security and prevention of violence. The South-East Asian region, in particular, Vietnam and Cambodia will be taken as case studies. English will be used as a common language. This seminar will be conducted together with one of the graduate/undergraduate seminar of Department of Area Studies.</p>		
Course Title	History of Transnational Markets and Civil Society II	Instructor	BAXTER Joshua
Course Objectives/ Overview	<p>Special Topics in Japanese Studies</p> <p>This course is more about ideas than content. It seeks to unfold and interrogate how history, as a discipline, operates to produce the past, the present, and even the future. Through unravelling the relation between these categories of time, students should get a sense of how politics and history converge in the present moment. To explore these ideas we will focus on the historiography of modern Japan. The aim is to introduce students to various approaches to the study of history to see how Japan was constituted as an object of study. The latter part of the course will then focus on special topics (such as empire, race, popular culture, etc.) in order to examine how the past has been conceptualized and historicized.</p>		
Course Title	Theory of Normativity in Global Society I	Instructor	NODA Masato
Course Objectives/ Overview	<p>Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Human Security in Southeast Asia</p> <p>This course examines the issues of sustainable development and human security in Southeast Asia, focusing on the case of Cambodia and Thailand in Mekong region. This course conducts both theoretical and practical analysis on the issues based on the professor's rich experiences of research, policy and practice on SDGs and Human Security from people centered perspective. Also, the course welcome academic and professional experiences of the students to promote active learning. The professor is the board member of Japan Society for International Development (JASID) and representative of its 'Sustainable Development and SDGs' research division. He also worked for governments; including Policy Advisor to Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan, Japan International Cooperation Agency(JICA) and Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand. He has rich working experiences for NGOs/Civil Society; including Policy Advisor of 2016 G7 Ise-Shima Summit Civil Society Platform and programme coordinator of Shanti Volunteer Association (SVA).</p>		
Course Title	Special Lecture on Global Society I	Instructor	WILSON Brendan
Course Objectives/ Overview	<p>Do we have a Language Instinct?</p> <p>We shall read and discuss two books, The Language Instinct: How the Mind Creates Language by Steven Pinker, and The 'Language Instinct' Debate: Revised Edition by Geoffrey Sampson.</p>		

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Course Title	Special Lecture on Global Society II	Instructor	GIRAUDOU Isabelle
Course Objectives/ Overview	<p>At the Science-Technology-Society Interface : For a New Understanding of Environmental Regulation in the Anthropocene</p> <p>Seeking to build bridges between disciplines that do not ordinarily meet each other in the undergraduate curriculum, this course examines how science and technology interact with international, domestic, and transnational law & policy frameworks. It focuses on pressing issues in which earth and environmental sciences, biotechnology, and geoengineering increasingly link up with environmental regulation.</p> <p>Drawing on short lectures, case studies, scenario analysis and role-play simulations, we will examine : 1) the extent to which recent shifts in the scientific understanding of ecosystems challenge existing environmental law and policy, and urge for the development of bio- or ecocentric regulatory frameworks; 2) how emerging technologies, developed to address resource or energy problems but which often raise special concern regarding environmental protection, are/could be regulated. Through the course, we will explore from a critical perspective two main themes: 1) the co-production of natural and social orders at the macro-scale of global science and technology policy; 2) the integration of disciplinary knowledge, with a focus on the complex relationships between law and knowledge about global environmental change.</p>		

Course Title	Seminar on Global Society I	Instructor	KIHARA-HUNT Ai
Course Objectives/ Overview	<p>Post-conflict State and society building in Timor-Leste</p> <p>This course aims at deepening students' understanding of international and national efforts in building the State and war-torn society in Timor-Leste. Discussion will include detailed assessment of concrete programmes and projects.</p>		

Course Title	Seminar on Global Society II	Instructor	ITATSU Yuko
Course Objectives/ Overview	<p>Canvassing Leisure Discourse</p> <p>In this course, we will read classics in leisure theory as well as the latest works related to 20th century leisure discourse with the aim of analyzing American society and the rhetoric used in imagining it.</p>		

Course Title	Seminar on Global Society IV	Instructor	KIM Ji Young
Course Objectives/ Overview	<p>China Rising and East Asian Security</p> <p>In East Asia, the power-shift is particularly prominent along with China's rise to global power, and has drawn significant scholarly attention during the last two decades. Therefore, this course encourages students to seek answers for the following questions: What are the observable changes in East Asian political dynamics? What could be the major factors that explain such changes? How have major regional actors, especially the US, China, and Japan, inter-played and responded to such changes? What could be the role that the three major regional actors could and/or should play to secure regional stability and prosperity?</p> <p>Through reading seminal and recent works in Chinese foreign policy and the U.S.-China-Japan relations the course encourages students to equip themselves with various historical and theoretical perspectives in analyzing the new and imperative political phenomenon in East Asian politics.</p>		