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Topics in International Politics: Japanese Politics

POL380H1S

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Wednesday 12:00 - 14:00, BL 313

Course Description

This course introduces students to the politics, political economy, and international relations of Japan. We will cover the role of political parties, the bureaucracy, and private actors; economic development and stagnation; relations with the United States and regional neighbors. The course places a particular emphasis on contemporary challenges facing Japan, including energy policy and climate change, Japan's contributions to the liberal international order, and Japan's response to geopolitical challenges, such as North Korea and the rise of China.

Course Format

The course will meet once a week for two hours. A lecture will be followed by time for Q&A and discussion of contemporary issues. Students will also interact with each other through the online discussion board on Quercus.

Course Requirements

Online and In-class Participation (30%): Each student is required to make one original post and at least one reply to the online bulletin board on Quercus. The original post should demonstrate clear engagement with the readings for the week. The original post is due at 5 p.m. the day before class. The reply is due before the beginning of class. In addition, regular attendance in class lectures is required. I will set aside time at the end of lecture for discussion of postings and general Q&A.

Short Essay (20%): 500-750 words. You can choose one of two options: 1. Attend a Japan-related public event on campus during the semester (the instructor will provide a list) and write a paper that briefly summarizes & critiques the presentation; 2. Write a book review. After briefly

summarizing the key arguments of the book, provide a critique and explain how it relates to course themes and readings. The instructor will provide a list of books. Deadline: rolling, no later than 5pm on 4/3.

Midterm Term Test (25%): An in-class test will be administered during the session on 2/12 covering material from the first half of the class.

Take Home Term Test (25%): A take-home term test will cover material from the whole semester. Questions will be distributed at the end of the final session (4/1) and answers will be due at 5pm on 4/3.

Late Policy

For the sake of fairness to students completing their assignments on time, late assignments will receive a 5% reduction after the deadline has passed. Thereafter, an additional 5% will be deducted each additional day the assignment is late.

Prerequisites

Although several formal prerequisites are listed for administrative reasons, they will not be enforced by the instructor.

Readings

All readings will be made available online on Quercus. No purchases are necessary.

Accessibility Needs

If you require accommodations for a disability, or have any accessibility concerns about the course, the classroom or course materials, please contact Accessibility Services as soon as possible (www.accessibility.utoronto.ca). It is not uncommon for university students to experience a range of health and mental health issues that may result in barriers to achieving their academic goals. The University of Toronto offers a wide range of services that may be of assistance. You are encouraged to seek out these resources early and often.

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Student Life - <http://www.studentlife.utoronto.ca>

Health and Wellness Centre - <http://www.studentlife.utoronto.ca/hwc>

Off-Campus: Good2Talk - a post-secondary (24/7) helpline (1-866-925-5454).

Academic Integrity

All students, faculty and staff are expected to follow the University's guidelines and policies on academic integrity. For students, this means following the standards of academic honesty when writing assignments, collaborating with fellow students, and writing tests and exams. Ensure that the work you submit for grading represents your own honest efforts. Plagiarism—representing someone else's work as your own or submitting work that you have previously submitted for marks in another class or program—is a serious offence that can result in sanctions. Speak to me for advice on anything that you find unclear. To learn more about how to cite and use source material appropriately and for other writing support, see the U of T writing support website at <http://www.writing.utoronto.ca>. Consult the Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters for a complete outline of the University's policy and expectations. For more information, please see <http://www.artsci.utoronto.ca/osai> and <http://academicintegrity.utoronto.ca>.

Normally, students will be required to submit their course essays to Turnitin.com for review of textual similarity and detection of possible plagiarism. In doing so, students will allow their essays to be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database, where they will be used solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism. The terms that apply to the University's use of the Turnitin.com service are described on the Turnitin.com web site.

1/8: Introduction & Overview

Bradley Richardson and Dennis Patterson. 2001. "Political Traditions and Political Change: The Significance of Postwar Japanese Politics for Political Science." *Annual Review of Political Science* 4: 93-115.

Richard Samuels. 2007. *Securing Japan*. Cornell University Press, Chapter 1.

Government of Canada. "Canada-Japan Relations." https://www.canadainternational.gc.ca/japan-japon/bilateral_relations_bilaterales/index.aspx?lang=eng

1/15: The Postwar Political System

Ellis S. Krauss and Robert Pekkanen. 2011. *The Rise and Fall of Japan's LDP: Political Party Organizations as Historical Institutions*. Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, Introduction

Gerald Curtis. 1988. *The Japanese Way of Politics*. Columbia University Press, Chapter 1.

Steven R. Reed. 1991. "Structure and Behaviour: Extending Duverger's Law to the Japanese Case." *British Journal of Political Science* 29: 335-56.

Chalmers Johnson. 1999. "The Developmental State, Odyssey of a Concept," in Meredith Woo-Cumings ed. *The Developmental State*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press: pp. 32-43.

J. Mark Ramseyer and Frances McCall Rosenbluth. 1993. *Japan's Political Marketplace*:. Harvard University Press: 99-120.

1/22: From Economic Miracle to Stagnation

Takeo Hoshi and Takatoshi Ito. *The Japanese Economy*. MIT Press, Chapter 3.

Mary C. Brinton. 1992. *Women and the Economic Miracle: Gender and Work in Postwar Japan*. University of California Press, Chapter 1.

Robert Reich. 1992. "Is Japan Out to Get Us?" *New York Times*, February 9.

William Grimes. 2001. "Introduction: A Miracle Unmade" and "Organizational Conflict" in *Unmaking the Japanese Miracle: Macroeconomic Politics, 1985-2000*. Cornell: Cornell University Press.

Richard Katz. 2003. *Japanese Phoenix*. Routledge, pg. 25-39.

Jennifer Amyx. 2001. "Informality and Institutional Inertia: The Case of Japanese Financial Regulation" *Japanese Journal of Political Science*, pp. 47-66.

1/29: Political and Economic Transformation

Frances Rosenbluth and Michael F. Thies 2010. *Japan Transformed: Political Change and Economic Restructuring*. Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press. "Chapter 7: Japan's New Political Economy," pp. 123-154.

Gregory W. Noble. 2010. "The Decline of Particularism in Japanese Politics." *Journal of East Asian Studies* 10:239-273.

Ulrike Schaede. 2012. "From developmental state to the 'New Japan': the strategic inflection point in Japanese business." *Asia Pacific Business Review* 18 (2): 167-185.

Steven K. Vogel. 2018. *Marketcraft*, Cornell University Press: 77-116.

Kenji Kushida. 2016. "Japan's Startup Ecosystem: From Brave New World to Part of Syncretic 'New Japan.'" *Asian Research Policy* 7 (1): 67-77.

2/5: The DPJ and Abe Governments

Kenji E. Kushida, and Phillip Y. Lipscy. 2013. "The Rise and Fall of the Democratic Party of Japan." In *Japan Under the DPJ: The Politics of Transition and Governance*, edited by Kenji E. Kushida and Phillip Y. Lipscy. Stanford: Brookings/APARC.

Harukata Takenaka. 2019. "Expansion of the Prime Minister's Power in the Japanese Parliamentary System: Transformation of Japanese Politics and Institutional Reforms." *Asian Survey* 59 (5): 844-869.

Steve Reed and Yukio Maeda. 2021. "The LDP under Abe." In Takeo Hoshi and Phillip Y. Lipscy eds. *The Political Economy of the Abe Government and Abenomics Reforms*. Cambridge University Press.

Gene Park, Saori N. Katada, Giacomo Chiozza, and Yoshiko Kojo. 2018. *Taming Japan's Deflation: the Debate over Unconventional Monetary Policy*. Cornell University Press, Chapter 8.

2/12: Midterm Examination

2/19: No Class, reading week

2/26: Japan in the Liberal International Order

G. John. Ikenberry. 2015. "The Stakeholder State: Ideology and Values in Japan's Search for a Post-Cold War Global Role." In Funabashi, Yoichi and Barak Kushner eds., *Examining Japan's Lost Decades*. London and New York: Routledge. pp. 296-313.

Mireya Solis. 2017. *Dilemmas of a Trading Nation: Japan and the United States in the Evolving Asia-Pacific Order*. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press. "Chapter 11: Conclusion: Forging a New Economic Asia-Pacific Order (pp. 211-223).

Phillip Y. Lipsy. 2020. "Reformist Status Quo Power: Japan's Approach toward International Organizations." In G. John Ikenberry and Yoichi Funabashi eds. *The Crisis of Liberal Internationalism: Japan and the World Order*. Brookings Institution Press.

Takako Hikotani. 2017. "Trump's Gift to Japan: Time for Tokyo to Invest in the Liberal Order." *Foreign Affairs* 96 (5): pp. 21-27.

Liv Coleman. 2017. "Japan's Womenomics Diplomacy: Fighting Stigma and Constructing ODA Leadership on Gender Equality." *Japanese Journal of Political Science* 18 (4): 491-513.

3/4: Guest Lecture (Consul-General Takako Ito): Japan's Relations with Asian Neighbors

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Japan). 2019. *Diplomatic Blue Book*. pg. 1-102.

3/11: International Security

Andrew Oros. 2017. *Japan's Security Renaissance: New Policies and Politics for the Twenty-First Century*. New York, NY: Columbia University Press. "Chapter 5: The New Conservative

Mainstream and New Security Policies Under Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, 2012-2016 (pp. 126-168).”

Amy Catalinac. From Pork to Policy: The Rise of Programmatic Campaigning in Japanese Elections. *The Journal of Politics*. 2015;78 (1) :1-18.

Adam Liff. 2018. “Japan’s Security Policy in the ‘Abe Era’: Radical Transformation or Evolutionary Shift?” *Texas National Security Review* 1 (3): 8-34.

Saadia M. Pekkanen and Paul Kallender-Umezu. 2010. *In Defense of Japan: From the Market to the Military in Space Policy*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, Chapter 7 “In Defense of Japan.”

Gerald Curtis. 2013. “Japan's Cautious Hawks: Why Tokyo Is Unlikely to Pursue an Aggressive Foreign Policy.” *Foreign Affairs* March/April.

3/18: The Politics of Economic and Social Adjustment

Kent Calder. 2017. *Circles of Compensation: Economic Growth and the Globalization of Japan*. Stanford University Press, Chapter 1.

Patricia L. Maclachlan and Kay Shimizu 2021. “Japanese Agricultural Reform Under Abenomics.” In Takeo Hoshi and Phillip Y. Lipsy eds. *The Political Economy of the Abe Government and Abenomics Reforms*. Cambridge University Press.

Hidekazu Inagawa. 2018. “Introduction” in Yoichi Funabashi ed. *Japan’s Population Implosion: The 50 Million Shock*. Springer.

Margarita Estévez-Abe. 2013. “An International Comparison of Gender Equality: Why is the Japanese Gender Gap So Persistent?” *Japan Labor Review* 10 (38): 82-100.

3/25: Guest Lecture (Nicholas Fraser): Immigration and Citizenship

Erin Chung. 2010. “Workers or Residents? Diverging Patterns of Immigrant Incorporation in Korea and Japan.” *World Politics* 83 (4): 675-696.

Amy Gurowitz. 1999. “Mobilizing International Norms: Domestic Actors, Immigrants, and the Japanese State.” *World Politics* 51 (3): 413-445.

Michael Orlando Sharpe. 2011. "What Does Blood Membership Mean in Political Terms? The Political Incorporation of Latin American Nikkeijin (Japanese Descendants) (LAN) in Japan 1990-2004." *Japanese Journal of Political Science* 12 (1): 113-142.

Konrad Kalicki, Go Murakami, and Nicholas A. R. Fraser. 2013. "The Difference that Security Makes: The Politics of Citizenship in Postwar Japan in a Comparative Perspective." *Social Science Japan Journal* 16 (2): 211-234.

4/1: Energy and Climate Change

Trevor Incerti and Phillip Y. Lipsky. 2020. "The Politics of Energy in Japan." *The Oxford Handbook of Energy Politics*.

Richard Samuels. 2013. *3.11: Disaster and Change in Japan*, Chapter 5 (Debating Energy Policy)

Jacques E.C. Hymans. 2011. "Veto Players, Nuclear Energy, and Nonproliferation: Domestic Institutional Barriers to a Japanese Bomb." *International Security* 36 (2): 154-189.

Shinzo Abe. 2018. "Join Japan and act now to save our planet," *Financial Times*, <https://www.ft.com/content/c97b1458-ba5e-11e8-8dfd-2f1cbc7ee27c>

Climate Action Tracker: <https://climateactiontracker.org/countries/japan/>

4/3: Take Home Term Test Due at 5pm