



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

INTRODUCTION TO MODERN JAPAN - 46519

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Asian Studies

Academic year: 1

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

An introduction to modern Japan

Course/Module aims:

To introduce the institutions, processes and people who influenced the rise of modern Japan since the mid-nineteen century.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

To understand the institutions and processes which influenced the rise of modern Japan and locate them within wider historical context.

Attendance requirements(%):

100%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lectures, reading assignments, watching movie clips

Course/Module Content:

The transformation from an agrarian society to a modern country, the challenges of modernization, the development of political and social institutions, the Japanese imperialism in Asia, the Pacific War, the American occupation of Japan, democracy and conservatism, historical memory, economic

Required Reading:

1. שילוני, בן-עמי. *יפן המודרנית: תרבות והיסטוריה*. (ירושלים ותל אביב: הוצאת שוקן, 1997).
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Sims, Richard. *Japanese Political History since the Meiji Renovation, 1868-2000*. Kuala Lumpur: Palgrave, 2001), pp. 123-178.

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Cemil Aydin, "Japan's Pan-Asianism and the Legitimacy of Imperial World Order, 1931-1945," *The Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus*, posted in March 12, 2008.

Mimura, Janis, "Japan's New Order and Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere: Planning for Empire," *The Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus*, Vol 9, Issue 49 No 3, December 5, 2011

ג'ון, טונלד. השמש העולה: שקיעתה ונפילתה של הקיסרות היפנית 1936-1945. (כפר חב"ד: מערכות, 1985), עמ' 32-11, 131-177.

Goto, Ken'ichi. *Tensions of Empire: Japan and Southeast Asia in the Colonial and Postcolonial World*. (Singapore: Ohio University Press, 2003), pp. 3-23.

Shillony, Ben Ami. *Politics and Culture in Wartime Japan*. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1981), pp. 7-43.

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Gluck, Carol, "Top Ten Things to Know about Japan in the Early Twenty-First Century," *Education About Asia*, 2008., Vol. 13, No. 3, pp. 5-11.

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 80 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 20 %

Other 0 %

Additional information: