

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

JAPAN POLITICS AND FOREIGN RELATIONS - 46529

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Asian Studies

Academic year: 2

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

An introduction to Japanese politics and foreign relations since the end of WWII.

Course/Module aims:

To introduce the institutions, processes and people who influence Japan's politics since World War II.

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

to understand the institutions and processes which influence Japan's political decisions.

Attendance requirements(%):

yes

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lecture and discussion

Course/Module Content:

Japan's political history, political culture, institutions and processes, voting behavior, domestic politics and foreign relations.

Required Reading:

Leheny, David. 2011. "Four Cultures of Japanese Politics," in Victoria Bestor, Theodore Bestor and Akiko Yamagata (eds.) Routledge Handbook of Japanese Culture and Society. (Wilshire: Routledge), pp. 29-41.

Caprio, E. Mark and Sugita, Yoneyuki. 2007. "Introduction: the U.S. Occupation of Japan—Innovation, Continuity, and Compromise," in Mark Caprio and Yoneyuki Sugita (eds.) Democracy in Occupied Japan: The U.S. Occupation and Japanese Politics and Society. (Oxon: Routledge), pp. 1-25.

Krauss, S. Ellis and Pekkanen, Robert. 2011. The Rise and Fall of Japan's LDP: Political Party Organizations as Historical Institutions. Ithaca: Cornell University Press), pp. 1-28.

Willcock, Hiroko. 2011. "The Political Dissent of a Senior General: Tamogami Toshio's Nationalist Thought and a History Controversy," Asian Politics & Policy, Vol. 3, No. 1, pp. 29-47.

Movie: Yasukuni, 2008, by Li Ying

Johnson, Chalmers. 1995. Japan: Who Governs? The Rise of the Developmental

State. (New York: W.W. Norton & Company), pp. 115-140.

Lincoln, J. Edward. 2011. "The Heisei Economy: Puzzles, Problems, Prospects," *The Journal of Japanese Studies*, Volume 37, No. 2 (Summer), pp. 351-375.

Movie: *Gung Ho*, 1986, by Ron Howard

Otmazgin, Nissim. 2011. "A Tail that Wags the Dog? Cultural Industry and Cultural Policy in Japan and South Korea," *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis: Research and Practice*, Vol. 13, No. 3, pp. 307-325.

Samuels, Richard J. 2007. "Securing Japan: The Current Discourse," *Journal of Japanese Studies*, Vol. 33, No. 1, pp. 125-152.

Stockwin, J. Arthur A. 2008. *Governing Japan: Divided Politics in a Major Economy*, Third Edition, (Cornwall: Blackwell Publishers), chapter 8 ("Parliament and Parliamentary Elections").

Pempel, T.J. 2010. "Between Pork and Productivity: The Collapse of the Liberal Democratic Party," *Journal of Japanese Studies*, Vol. 36, No. 2, pp. 227-254.

Scheiner, Ethan. 2006. *Democracy Without Competition in Japan: Opposition Failure in a One-Party Dominant State* (New York: Cambridge University Press), chapter 2 ("Opposition Failure in Japan: Background and Explanations")

Feldman, Ofer. 2000. *The Japanese Political Personality*. (Hampshire and London: Macmillan Press LTD), chapter 2 ("The Diet Member: Political Activity and Culture").

Movie: *How to Get Votes in Japan*, 2008, by Axel Klein

Kabashima, Ikuo and Steel, Gill. 2010. *Changing Politics in Japan*. (Ithaca: Cornell University Press), pp. 61-85 ("Changing Media, Changing Politics")

Okano, Kaori and Tsuchiya, Motonori. 1999. *Education in Contemporary Japan: Inequality and Diversity*. (Singapore: Cambridge University Press), pp. 30-51 ("Development of Modern Schooling").

Sabina, Fruhstuck and Ben Ari, Eyal, 2002. "'Now We Show It All!' Normalization and the Management of Violence in Japan's Armed Forces," *Journal of Japanese Studies*, Vol. 28, No. 1, pp. 1-39.

Katzenstein, J. Peter. 1996. *Cultural Norms and National Security: Police and Military in Postwar Japan*. (Ithaca: Cornell University Press), chapter 4 ("The Police and Internal Security").

Movie: *Minbō no Onna*, 1992, by Itami Jūzō

Lambert, A. Priscilla, 2007. "The Political Economy of Postwar Family Policy in Japan: Economic Imperatives and Electoral Incentives," *Journal of Japanese Studies*, Vol. 33, No. 1, pp. 1- 28.

Shipper, Apichai. 2008. *Fighting for Foreigners: Immigration and its Impact on Japanese Democracy*. (Ithaca: Cornell University press), chapter 2 ("Controlling Foreigners: Japan's Foreign Worker Policy").

Sugimoto, Yoshio. 2003. *An Introduction to Japanese Society*. (New York: Cambridge University Press), chapter 9 ("Popular Culture and Everyday Life").

Hoshiro, Hiroyuki. 2009. "Co-Prosperity Sphere Again? United States Foreign Policy and Japan's 'First' Regionalism in the 1950s," *Pacific Affairs*, Vol. 82, No. 3.

Berger, U. Thomas. 2007. "The Politics of Memory in Japanese Foreign Relations," in Berger, U. Thomas, Mochizuki, M. Mike, and Tsuchiyama, Jitsuo (eds.) *Japan in International Politics: The Foreign Politics of an Adaptive State*. (Boulder: Lynne Rienner), pp. 179-211

Christopher W. Hughes and Akiko Fukushima, 2004. "US-Japan Security Relations – Toward Bilateralism Plus?" in Ellis S. Krauss and TJ Pempel (eds.), *Beyond Bilateralism- US-Japan Relations in the New Asia-Pacific* (Stanford: Stanford University Press)

Linus Hagström and Björn Jerdén. 2010. "Understanding Fluctuations in Sino-Japanese Relations: To Politicize or to De-politicize the China Issue in the Japanese Diet." *Pacific Affairs*, Vol. 83, No. 4.

Otmazgin, Nissim. 2008. "Contesting Soft Power: Japanese Popular Culture in East and Southeast Asia," *International Relations of the Asia Pacific*, Vol. 8, No. 1, pp. 73-101.

Additional Reading Material:

Rosenbluth, Frances and Thies, Michael. 2010. *Japan Transformed: Political Economy and Economic Restructuring*. (Princeton: Princeton University Press), pp. 123-154.

Hill, B. Peter. 2003. *The Japanese Mafia: Yakuza, Law, and the State*. (New York: Oxford University Press), chapter 2 ("The Yakuza Evolution").

Bayleys, H. David. 1991. *Forces of Order: Policing Modern Japan*. (University of California Press), chapters 1, 2 ("Heaven for a Cop", "Konan").

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 100 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information: