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 Tu-Th 11:30-1:20

Spring 2005
 Chemistry Library 015

SISEA 242: Japan in the Contemporary World

Course Description:

This course offers an interdisciplinary introduction to various aspects of contemporary Japan, such as its political economy, modern history, society and politics. The perspective of the course is drawn from the social sciences, not the humanities. Students should come away with a comprehensive overview or survey of a wide variety of aspects of contemporary Japan and an understanding of how these aspects interrelate.

Course Goals:

This course is designed to equip you to understand contemporary Japan. I have designed it as essential preparation prior to study in Japan. However, it will serve equally as an introduction for students who have no intention of going to Japan, but want to learn about the country, its politics, and its society. It is an excellent first course on Japan, because its broad exposure to contemporary Japan gives a solid background for advanced study. The course is also a good course to take for students who will only take one course on Japan, again because it is a broad survey of many aspects of contemporary Japan.

Grading:

Throughout Term	Quizzes	20%
March 18 th	Midterm Exam	25%
June 8 th 4:30 -6:20 PM CHL 015	Final Exam	40%
Throughout Term	Class Participation	15%

Specific instructions will be given prior to assignments. Pay close attention to them. In general, however, papers should make a cogent argument, as well as demonstrating mastery of the material. Exams will test you on material from the course, including lectures, readings, discussions, and presentations by any required outside speakers.

Class Participation:

Attendance at all class meetings and any specified outside lectures is strongly encouraged. Missing class will cause significant penalties to your class participation grade. However, simply attending class alone is not enough: attendance does not equal participation. Class participation marks are based on quality not just quantity of your contribution to the class. Your class participation grade should not be a mystery. Come see me at any point in the semester to discuss your participation or ways to improve it.

Exams:

There are up to five closed-book quizzes and one exam during the quarter, in addition to the closed-book final exam. If you miss one of these exams due to a reason other than serious illness or other documented emergencies, you will likely receive a grade of zero for the exam. If you are unable to complete work on time or miss class due to personal

reasons (illness, family emergency, etc.), contact me in advance if possible. For any late or excused work, I require documentation. Even if you show up to class with your leg in a cast, bring in written documentation from your doctor. I require this of EVERY excuse to avoid being placed in the uncomfortable position of trying to assess veracity as well as legitimacy of excuses. Do not just write me an email saying you are sick and asking to be excused. Instead, provide documentation along with your written request in order to even gain consideration for an excuse. If you disagree with the score you received on an exam, submit a written statement explaining your dispute and hand it in along with your exam. This must be done within one week after the exam is returned. This clarifies your points for me and expedites my review. The final exam will be comprehensive—i.e. it will cover all material from the whole course.

Academic Honesty Policy:

Please note: Every year a handful of unfortunate students get into trouble due to plagiarism. Plagiarism and cheating are serious offenses. Please don't become one of the unfortunate few. I take breaches of academic honesty very seriously and will act accordingly, even if the consequences include expulsion from the University of Washington. If you have questions regarding your work or what might constitute plagiarism on any of your written assignments, speak to me first. Don't commit a plagiarism offense because you were unclear on what constitutes plagiarism. Clarify any questions whatsoever in advance to avoid needless prosecution. Also, any work turned in for this class must be original work (i.e. not used for any other class, prior or concurrent).

Course Web Page:

There is a course web page, on which I will post announcements and additional materials, handouts, etc. Find out by the end of the first week how to access the course web page.
<http://faculty.washington.edu/pekkanen/JAPAN%20in%20the%20Contemporary%20World/SISEA%20242%20index.shtml>

Cellphones: The Hatch Rule:

Turn off all cell phones, pagers, etc. before coming to class. If your cell phone rings, I reserve the right to answer it.

Readings:

Required texts are:

1. Pyle, Kenneth P. *The Making of Modern Japan*. 1996, 2nd Edition. DC: Heath. ISBN 0669200204.
2. Pekkanen, Saadia. *Picking Winners? From Technology Catch-up to the Space Race in Japan*. 2003. Stanford. ISBN: 0804747326.

These books are available for purchase at the University Book Store. They are also on 2 hour reserve at Odegaard Undergraduate Library. Other readings will be put on electronic reserve and also probably made available as a course packet from a local copy shop. Students who wish to pursue some readings in Japanese, please consult me.

<http://eres.lib.washington.edu/eres/coursepage.aspz?cid=3789&page=docs>

SISEA 242: JAPAN IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD

M	TU	W	TH	F
3/28 Classes Begin	3/29 Introduction: Why study Japan? & Perspectives on Japanese Society	3/30	3/31 Meiji Japan	4/1
4/4	4/5 Taisho Democracy	4/6	4/7 Militarism and Imperialism	4/8
4/11	4/12 Pacific War and the Occupation	4/13	4/14 Education	4/15
4/18	4/19 The Bureaucracy	4/20	4/21 The '55 System	4/22
4/25	4/26 Party Politics	4/27	4/28 Industrial Policy	4/29
5/2	5/3 Women and Politics	5/4	5/5 Midterm Exam	5/6
5/9	5/10 Work	5/11	5/12 Minorities in Japan	5/13
5/16	5/17 Media	5/18	5/19 Regime Shift: Electoral Change & Bubble Bursts	5/20
5/23	5/24 The '94 System	5/25	5/26 Civil Society in Japan	5/27
5/30 No Classes	5/31 Crime and Punishment: Police and Yakuza	6/1	6/2 Security and "Cool"	6/3

March 29

Introduction “Why study Japan?” & Perspectives on Japanese Society
HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Reed, Steven R., *Making Common Sense of Japan*, pp. 3-76.

Benedict, Ruth. *The Chrysanthemum and the Sword*, pp. 114-132.

Nakane, Chie. *Japanese Society*, pp.vii-xi, 1-8, 141-152.

Recommended: Maruyama, Masao. *Thought and Behavior in Modern Japanese Politics*. Edited by Ivan Morris. Oxford U Press, 1969.

Recommended: Doi, Takeo. *The Anatomy of Dependence*, pp. 7-10, 28-35, 48-65. Also, selection in *Inside the Japanese System*, Okimoto and Rohlen, eds., Stanford, 1988, pp. 20-24.

Recommended: Obituary of Shoichi Yokoi *New York Times* Friday September 26, 1997.

March 31

The Emergence of the Modern Japanese State: A Revolution from Above?
HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Pyle, Kenneth B. 1996. *The Making of Modern Japan*. 2nd Ed. DC Heath: Lexington, MA, pp. 57-77 and 115-133, Ch. 5 and 8 “The Meiji Restoration” and “Building the Nation-State.”

Recommended: McLain, James L. *Japan: A Modern History*. Norton: 2002, pp. 119-155.

Recommended: Duus, Peter, Modern Japan.(2nd Edition). Chapter 4: “The Fall of the Old Order” pp. 61-82.

Recommended: Crowley, James, ed. Modern East Asia: Essays in Interpretation, Chapter by Jansen, “The Meiji State,” pp. 95-121.

Recommended: Moore, Barrington. Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy, pp. 228-275.

Recommended: Skocpol, Theda. States and Social Revolutions, pp. 99-104.

Recommended: Benedict vs. Huber: “Did the Meiji Restoration Constitute a Revolution in Nineteenth Century Japan?” pp. 133-153.

April 5

Taisho Democracy

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Pyle, Kenneth B. 1996. *The Making of Modern Japan*. 2nd Ed. DC Heath: Lexington, MA, pp. 159-181, Ch. 10 “Crisis of Political Community.”

Diamond, Larry, “Introduction: In Search of Consolidation,” in Larry Diamond, ed. *Consolidating the Third Wave Democracies*, Johns Hopkins, 1997, pp. xii-xxvii.

Recommended: Duus, Peter, Modern Japan.(2nd Edition). Ch. 10 “The Rise of Party Government” pp. 171-185; Ch. 11 “Economic Growth and Social Change” pp.185-200.

Recommended: McLain, James L. *Japan: A Modern History*. Norton: 2002, pp.357-405.

Recommended: Hane, Mikiso Modern Japan: Historical Survey. Ch. 11 “Era of Parliamentary Ascendancy (II)” pp. 220-244.

April 7

Militarism and Imperialism

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Pyle, Kenneth B. 1996. *The Making of Modern Japan*. 2nd Ed. DC Heath: Lexington, MA, pp. 133-159 and 181-207, Ch. 9 and 11, “Imperialism and the New Industrial Society” and “The Road to the Pacific War.”

Recommended: Iriye, Akira. “Imperialism in East Asia,” in James Crowley, ed. Modern East Asia: Essays in Interpretation, pp. 122-149.

Recommended: Gann, Lewis. “Western and Japanese Colonialism: Some Preliminary Comparisons,” in Ramon Myers and Mark Peattie, eds. The Japanese Colonial Empire, 1895-1945, pp. 497-525.

Recommended: Hane, Mikiso Modern Japan: Historical Survey. Ch. 12 “the Ascendancy of Militarism” pp.245-272.

Recommended: Duus, Peter, Modern Japan.(2nd Edition). Ch. 8 “The Rise of Imperialism” pp.134-150; Ch. 13 “Militarism and War” pp.214-230; and, Ch. 14 “The Pacific War” pp. 231-250.

Recommended: McLain, James L. *Japan: A Modern History*. Norton: 2002, pp.405-482.

Recommended: Shillony, Ben-Ami. *Revolt in Japan: The Young Officers and the February 26, 1936 Incident*. Princeton: 1973.

April 12

The Pacific War & The Second Revolution: The Occupation

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Pyle, Kenneth B. 1996. *The Making of Modern Japan*. 2nd Ed. DC Heath: Lexington, MA, pp. 207-227, Ch. 12 “Japan’s American Revolution.”

Recommended: Sagan, Scott. “The Origins of the Pacific War” in Journal of Interdisciplinary History, 18:4 (Spring 1988) 893-922.

Recommended: Snyder, Jack. Myths of Empire: Domestic Politics and International Ambition, pp. 112-152.

Recommended: Ienaga, Saburo. The Pacific War. Ch. 8 “The Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere” pp. 153-180.

Recommended: Dower, John. “Race, Language and War in Two Cultures” in Japan in War and Peace, pp.257-285. Cartoons.

Recommended: Sterngold, James. “Admitting Guilt for the War: An Outraged Dissent,” *New York Times International*, 21 August 1993

Recommended: “First Sex Slave Payments Spark Outrage,” *Japan Times*, 8/26-9/1/96.

Recommended: McLain, James L. *Japan: A Modern History*. Norton: 2002, pp. 482-523.

Recommended: Dower, John. Embracing Defeat. Chapter on Constitution Writing, on revising the draft Constitution.

Recommended: Richardson, Bradley and Scott Flanagan. Politics in Japan, pp. 1-69.

Recommended: McLain, James L. *Japan: A Modern History*. Norton: 2002, pp.523-562.

Recommended: Robert Ward and Yoshikazu Sakamoto, eds., *Democratizing Japan*, University of Hawai’i: 1987.

April 14

Education

SOCIETY

Rohlen, Thomas. Japan's High Schools, pp. 45-141, 307-26.

Rohlen, Thomas. "Education in Japanese Society," in *Inside the Japanese System*, Okimoto and Rohlen, eds., Stanford, 1988, pp. 25-32.

Recommended: Rohlen, Thomas. "The Juku Phenomenon: An Exploratory Essay," Journal of Japanese Studies, 6:2 (Summer 1980): 207-42.

Recommended: Dore, Ronald. The Diploma Disease, pp. 35-50.

April 19

The Bureaucracy

POLITICS

Pekkanen, Saadia M. 2003. *Picking Winners? From Technology Catch-up to the Space Race in Japan*. Stanford University Press, pp. 1-9 and 9-29, and 192-213, Introduction and Ch. 1 and 6, "The Logic of Industrial Selection" and "TIPs from Postwar Japan."

Recommended: Pempel, T.J. and M. Muramatsu. "The Japanese Bureaucracy and Economic Development: Structuring a Proactive Civil Service," Chapter I in Kim, Hyung-Ki et al eds., The Japanese Civil Service and Economic Development: Catalysts of Change. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1995, pp.19-77.

Recommended: Campbell, John. "Democracy and Bureaucracy in Japan," in Takeshi Ishida and Ellis Krauss, eds. Democracy in Japan, pp. 113-35.

PAGES: 22

Recommended: Ikuta, Takahide. *Kanryo: Japan's Hidden Government*. Tokyo: ICG Muse 2000, pp. 3-19.

Recommended: Stockwin, J.A.A. *Governing Japan*, pp.93-113.

April 21

The '55 System

POLITICS

Curtis, Gerald. The Japanese Way of Politics, Chapter 1, pp.1-44.

Muramatsu, Michio, and Ellis Krauss. "The Development of Patterned Pluralism," in Yamamura and Yasuba, eds., The Political Economy of Japan, pp. 516-555.

PAGES: 39

Recommended: Pempel, T.J. "The Unbundling of 'Japan, Inc.': The Changing Dynamics of Japanese Policy Foundation," Journal of Japanese Studies, (Summer 1987, pp.271-306). Available on JSTOR.

PAGES: 36

Recommended: Krauss, Ellis. "Political Economy: Policymaking and Industrial Policy in Japan," PS: Political Science and Politics, (March 1992, XXV (1), pp. 44-56).

PAGES: 13

Recommended: Noble, Gregory W. "The Japanese Industrial Policy Debate," in Stephen Haggard and Chung-in Moon (eds.). Pacific Dynamics: The International Politics of Industrial Change. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1989, pp. 53-71, 91-95.

PAGES: 24

Recommended: Johnson, Chalmers. MITI and the Japanese Miracle, pp. 3-35, 305-24.

Recommended: Samuels, Richard. The Business of the Japanese State: Energy Markets in Comparative and Historical Perspective, pp. 1-22.

April 26

Party Politics

POLITICS

Curtis, Gerald. The Japanese Way of Politics, Chapter 2 pp.45-80.

Hrebenar, Ronald, ed. Japan's New Party System, Chapter 9, pp.301-310.

Stockwin, J.A.A. Governing Japan. pp. 132-162.

Ishida, Takeshi. Japanese Society. Random House: 1971, pp. 64-69.

April 28

Industrial Policy

POLITICAL ECONOMY

Pekkanen, Saadia M. 2003. *Picking Winners? From Technology Catch-up to the Space Race in Japan*. Stanford University Press, pp. 30-63, 112-161, ch. 2 and 4, “Quantitative Arts and the Criteria for Selection” and “Criteria and Perceptions in Historical Perspective.”

May 3

Women and Politics

SOCIETY

Pharr, Susan J. “The Rebellion of the Tea-Pourers,” in *Losing Face*, pp. 59-73.

Sugimoto, Yoshio. “Gender Stratification and the Family System.” Ch. 6 in *An Introduction to Japanese Society*. Cambridge, 1997, pp. 136-168.

Recommended: Goto, Aki. “Where are Japanese Housewives Heading?” Japan Echo, Vol. IX, Nov. 4, 1982, pp. 103-11.

Recommended: LeBlanc, Robin. *Bicycle Citizens: The Political World of the Japanese Housewife*. California: 1999, pp. 1-8, 28-32, 195-203

Recommended: Ogai, Tokuko. “Japanese Women and Political Institutions: Why are Women Politically Underrepresented?” *PS: Political Science and Politics*. June 2001, Volume XXXIV, No. 2, pp. 207-210.

Recommended: Mikanagi, Yumiko. “Women and Political Institutions in Japan.” *PS: Political Science and Politics*. June 2001, Volume XXXIV, No. 2, pp. 211-212.

Recommended: Eto, Mikiko. “Women’s Leverage on Social Policy in Japan.” *PS: Political Science and Politics*. June 2001, Volume XXXIV, No. 2, pp. 241-246.

May 10

Work

SOCIETY/ECONOMY

Kumazawa, Makoto. Portraits of the Japanese Workplace. Ch. 8 “Twenty Years of a Bank Worker’s Life”. Pp.205-247.

Rohlen, Thomas P. “The Education of a Japanese Banker,” in Daniel I. Okimoto and Thomas P. Rohlen, eds., Inside the Japanese System, pp. 129-135.

Gordon, Andrew. “The Invention of Japanese-Style Labor Management,” Chapter Two in Stephen Vlastos, ed. Mirror of Modernity: Invented Traditions of Modern Japan. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1998.

Inagami, Takeshi. “The Japanese Will to Work.” In *Inside the Japanese System*, Okimoto and Rohlen, eds., Stanford, 1988, pp. 32-36.

Recommended: Kume, Ikuo. *Disparaged Success*. Cornell, 1998.

Recommended: Shimizu, Ikko. *The Dark Side of Japanese Business: Three “Industry Novels”*. M.E. Sharpe: 1996, “Silver Sanctuary” pp. 1-32.

May 12

Minorities in Japan

SOCIETY

Pharr, Susan J. “Burakumin Protest: The Incident at Yoka High School,” and “The View from Below: Mobilizing a Protest,” in Losing Face, pp. 75-108

Upham, Frank K. “Civil Rights Litigation and the Search for Equal Employment Opportunity” in Upham, Law and Social Change in Postwar Japan, pp. 124-65.

Recommended: Eford, Robert. 2004. *The Chinese Minority in Japan*. Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Washington (Anthropology).

Recommended: Rohlen, Thomas. “Education: Policies and Prospects,” in Lee and DeVos, eds. Koreans in Japan, pp. 182-222.

Recommended: Chung, Erin Aeran. 2000. *Exercising Citizenship: Koreans Living in Japan*. *Asian Perspectives* 24: 159-178.

May 17

Media
SOCIETY

Krauss, Ellis. *Broadcasting Politics in Japan*, pp. 241-271.

Pharr, Susan J. "Introduction" in Susan J. Pharr and Ellis Krauss (eds) *Media and Politics in Japan*, pp.3-18.

Altman, Kristin Kyoko. "Television and Political Turmoil: Japan's Summer of 1993," in Susan J. Pharr and Ellis Krauss, eds. Media and Politics in Japan, 1996, pp.165-186.

PAGES: 21

Recommended: Freeman, Laurie. "Mobilizing and Demobilizing the Public Sphere: Mass Media and the Internet in Japan." Frank Schwartz and Susan Pharr, eds. *The State of Civil Society in Japan*, pp. 235-256.

May 19

Regime Shift: Electoral System Change in 1994 and The Bubble Bursts

POLITICS

Curtis, Gerald L. *The Logic of Japanese Politics*, pp.65-98.

Schlesinger, Jacob M. *Shadow Shoguns*, "Ozawa and His Discontents," Stanford: 1999, pp. 252-268.

Anchordoguy, Marie. "Whatever Happened to the Japanese Miracle?" JPRI Working Paper No. 80, September 2001.

Recommended: Katz, Richard. *The System That Soured*. Chapter 1, pp. 3-29.

Recommended: Lincoln, Ed. *Arthritic Japan*, Brookings: 2001, pp. 1-19 AND pp. 125-152.

Recommended: "Special Report: The Japanese Economy: The Ghost of Reforms Past." *The Economist*. November 2, 2002, pp.67-69.

Recommended: Katz, Richard. "Japan's Phoenix Economy." *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 82 No. 1, January/February 2003, pp. 114-128.

Recommended: Katz, Richard. *The System That Soured*. Chapter 8, pp. 197-239.

Recommended: Grimes, William. *Unmaking the Japanese Miracle*.

Recommended: Review of William Grimes *Unmaking the Japanese Miracle* by Robert C. Angel in *Journal of Japanese Studies* 28 (2), 2002, pp. 488-493.

Recommended: Freedman, Craig. *Why Did Japan Stumble? Causes and Cures*. Edward Elgar, Northampton, MA, 1999.

Recommended: Wright, Maurice. *Japan's Fiscal Crisis: The Ministry of Finance and the Politics of Public Spending, 1975-2000*. Oxford, 2002.

Recommended: Gaunder, Alisa. "Ozawa Ichiro: Rebel with a Cause."

Recommended: Pempel, T.J. "Regime Shift: Japanese Politics in a Changing World Economy" in Journal of Japanese Studies 23:2 (Winter 1997), pp.333-361.

Recommended: Samuels, Richard J. *Machiavelli's Children*.

Recommended: Sato. "Soul-Searching Time for Japan's Bureaucrats."

May 24

The '94 System

POLITICS

Krauss, Ellis S. and Robert Pekkanen. "Explaining Party Adaptation to Electoral Reform: The Discreet Charm of the LDP?" *Journal of Japanese Studies* Vol. 30, No. 1 (Winter 2004)

Muramatsu, Michio. "An Arthritic Japan? The Relationship between Politicians and Bureaucrats." Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars Asia Program Special Report 117, January 2004, pp. 26-33.

Recommended: George-Mulgan, Aurelia. *Japan's Failed Revolution: Koizumi and the Politics of Economic Reform*, pp. 21-33 and 238-243.

Recommended: Hara, Yoko. 'A Diet Rookie's First Season.' *Japan Quarterly* (July-September 2001): 10-17. PAGES: 8

Recommended: Christensen, Ray, "Putting New Wine into Old Bottles: The Effect of Electoral Reforms on Campaign Practices in Japan," Asian Survey 38 (October 1998): 986-1004.

Recommended: Kabashima, Ikuo. "The Upper House Election: How the LDP Went Down to Defeat" in Japan Echo October 1998, pp.9-15.

Recommended: Curtis, Gerry. *The Logic of Japanese Politics*. Chapters 4, 5, pp. 137-170, 171-206. PAGES: 58

May 26

Civil Society in Japan

POLITICS

Schwartz, Frank. "Introduction." Frank Schwartz and Susan Pharr, eds. *The State of Civil Society in Japan*, pp. 1-22.

Pekkanen, Robert. "Molding Japanese Civil Society." Frank Schwartz and Susan Pharr, eds. *The State of Civil Society in Japan*, pp. 116-134.

Pharr, Susan. "Conclusion." Frank Schwartz and Susan Pharr, eds. *The State of Civil Society in Japan*, pp. 316-336.

Ishida, Takeshi. *Japanese Society*. Random House: 1971, pp. 61-64.

Recommended: Tsujinaka, Yutaka. "From Development to Maturity: Japan's Civil Society Organizations in Comparative Perspective." Frank Schwartz and Susan Pharr, eds. *The State of Civil Society in Japan*, pp. 83-115.

Recommended: Schwartz, Frank. "What Is Civil Society?." Frank Schwartz and Susan Pharr, eds. *The State of Civil Society in Japan* pp.23-42.

Recommended: Pekkanen, Robert. 2000. "Japan's New Politics." *Journal of Japanese Studies*. Esp. pp.111-120, 139-143.

Recommended: *The Voluntary and Non-profit Sector in Japan: An Emerging Response to a Changing Society*, Stephen Osborne, ed., London: Routledge

May 31

Crime and Punishment: Police and Yakuza SOCIETY

L. Craig Parker. *The Japanese Police System Today*, pp.3-11, 32-37, 231-246.

Kaplan, David and Alec Dubro. *Yakuza*, pp.11-13, 71-89, 157-186.

Miyazawa, Setsuo. *Policing in Japan*, pp.1-10.

Bayley, David H. *Forces of Order*, pp. 1-10, 152-190.

Recommended: Vogel, Ezra. *Japan as Number One*, pp. 204-222.

June 2

Japan and the World POLITICS

McGray, Douglas. "Japan's Gross National Cool." *Foreign Policy*. May/June 2002.

Calder, Kent. "Japanese Foreign Economic Policy: Explaining the Reactive State," World Politics 40 (1987-88): 517-541.

Pekkanen, Saadia. "International Law, the WTO, and the Japanese State." *Journal of Japanese Studies* 2001, Vol. 27, No. 1, pp. 41-79.

Recommended: Green, Michael J. "State of the Field Report: Research on Japanese Security Policy," AccessAsia Review Volume 2, Number 1, 1998. (This essay can be found on-line at: <http://www.nbr.org/publications/review/vol2no1/essay.html#53t>)
Roughly 30 pages.

Recommended: Kagami, Mitsuhiro. "The Asian Currency Crisis: A Bigger Role for Japan." Japan Echo, December 1997, pp.9-11.

Recommended: Stockwin, J.A.A. *Governing Japan*, pp.202-218.