

**Course Syllabus**  
**Special Summer Program 2020**

Course title	Pros and cons: A look into controversial political and social issues in Japan		
Month of offering the course	July <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Way of teaching	F2F <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	August <input type="checkbox"/>		Online (Zoom) <input type="checkbox"/>
Teaching schedule	Day of the Week: Monday	Time: 10:30-12:00 & 13:00-14:30	
Names of Instructor	Kato, Hiroshi		Total No. of Classes (90min) 8
Course description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Objective:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This informal class will look into some controversial issues that Japan is faced with. The topics be selected based on the participants' interest, but might include such subjects as the following:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Whether or not Japan should relax its foreign immigrants policy</li> <li>➤ Whether or not Japan should do away with nuclear energy</li> <li>➤ Whether or not Japan should start its school year in September</li> <li>➤ Whether or not Japan should abolish the capital punishment</li> <li>➤ What should Japan do to enhance women's participation in politics and businesses</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. The class will also help the participants to get familiar with the basics of academic debate, a useful tool for anyone interested in developing his/her analytical thinking skills, research techniques, and persuasive public speaking ability. The participants will form teams and participate in practice debate sessions.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>		
Texts (readily available for free should be chosen)	No textbook. Necessary materials will be handed out in class.		
Remarks (delivery methods, pre-requisite, class outline, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Class outline:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Class 1: introduction to academic debate</li> <li>Class 2: Practice debate</li> <li>Class 3: Issue (1) lecture and discussion, and preparation for debating matches</li> <li>Class 4: Debate (1)</li> <li>Class 5: Issue (2); Lecture and discussion, and preparation for debating matches.</li> <li>Class 6: Debate (2)</li> <li>Class 7: Issue (3): Lecture and discussion, and preparation for debating matches</li> <li>Class 8: Debate (3) and Wrap up.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		