

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JAPAN
Graduate School of International Relations

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Course	Course code REC6045	Course title JAPANESE POLITICAL ECONOMY	
Name of Instructor			Credit Number:
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Class Schedule Day / Time	Wednesday 14:40-16:10 and 16:20-17:50		

Course Description: This course focuses on selected issues in the political economy of contemporary Japan. The primary focus will be the interaction between Japanese political and economic institutions, and public policy. It first looks at how postwar political institutions (e.g., the structure of the bureaucracy; the long-dominance of the Liberal Democratic Party) shaped Japanese politics and public policy to promote economic growth. Second, it examines how the old system became out of date as Japan has become a world economic power; and finally explores how the system will change through policy reforms (such as deregulation).

Learning Objectives: This class seeks to provide students with a thorough understanding of Japanese Economic Policy and its decision making mechanism. After taking this course, students would better understand what is going on the current Japanese economic scene with some historical background.

Career Relevance: This class would be essential for students who would plan to work in Japan or for Japan-related positions in their future career. This would provide a deeper understanding on not only what is going on in the current business scene, but also the social-historic aspects of economic issues.

Course Context or Rationalization: This class is designed to provide political-side analysis for Japan's economic policies. As the Japanese society is now more pluralistic than the early postwar period, it is important to understand Japan's political dynamics of economic policy-making to understand the current and predict the future state of Japan's economy.

Delivery Methods: This course is lecture-based class, but the instructor encourages students to participate discussion in order to find out more details of the contents.

Assessment: The course grade will be based on mid-term exam (40%) and final exam (40%), and attendance and participation in classroom discussions (20%) will account for the remainder of the course grade. After each week, a question will be given to the class. Two questions out of the first four weeks will be asked in the mid-term exam, and another two from the last four weeks will be given in the final exam. These exams are open-question, but closed-book exams.

Prerequisite: N/A

Textbook(s)	<p>Required: Students do not need to purchase the required books.</p> <p>Daniel Okimoto, <i>Between MITI and the Market</i> (Stanford U., 1989)</p> <p>Kent Calder, <i>Crisis and Compensation</i> (Princeton U., 1988)</p> <p>Kent Calder, <i>Strategic Capitalism</i> (Princeton U., 1993)</p> <p>Jonathan P. Charkham, <i>Keeping Good Company</i> (Clarendon Press, 1994)</p> <p>Chalmers Johnson, <i>MITI and the Japanese Miracle</i> (C. Tuttle Co., 1982)</p> <p>Richard Katz, <i>Japan: The System that Soured</i> (M.E. Sharpe, 1998)</p> <p>Tetsuji Okazaki and Masahiro Okuno-Fujiwara, ed., <i>The Japanese Economic System And Its Historical Origins</i> (Oxford Univ. Press, 1999)</p> <p>Tomohito Shinoda, "Japan's Decision Making Under the Coalition Governments," <i>Asian Survey</i>, July 1998.</p> <p>Ezra Vogel, <i>Japan as No.1</i> (Harvard U., 1979)</p> <p>Steven Vogel, <i>Japan Remodeled: How Government and Industry are Reforming Japanese Capitalism</i> (Cornell U., 2006)</p> <p>Reference books/Journal Articles:</p> <p>Scott Callon, <i>Divided Sun: MITI and Breakdown of Japanese High Tech Industrial Policy</i> (Stanford U., 1995)</p> <p>Michael L. Gerlach, <i>Alliance Capitalism: the social organization of Japanese Business</i> (U. of California, 1992)</p> <p>Peter Hartcher, <i>the Ministry: How Japan's Most Powerful Institution Endangers World Market</i> (Harvard U., 1998).</p> <p>Edward Lincoln, <i>Troubled Times</i> (Brookings, 1999)</p> <p>Akio Morita, <i>Made in Japan</i> (Dutton, 1986)</p> <p>Frances Rosenbluth, <i>Financial Politics in Contemporary Japan</i> (Cornell U., 1989)</p> <p>Brian Woodall, <i>Japan Under Construction: Corruption, Politics and Public Works</i> (U. California, 1996)</p>
Class Outline	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Course Introduction 2. Historical and Social Origins of Japan's Political Economy from Meiji era to the Occupation period Required Reading: Okazaki and Okuno-Fujiwara, Chap. 1; and Johnson, Chaps. 3-5. 3. The Bureaucracy in the Postwar Economy (1): MITI and Industrial Policy Required reading: Vogel, Chap. 4; Okimoto, Chap.1; and Johnson, Chap 7 Suggested reading: Callon, all. 4. The Bureaucracy in the Postwar Economy (2): MITI and Industrial Policy 5. The Bureaucracy in the Postwar Economy (3): MOF and Financial System Required reading: Okazaki and Okuno-Fujiwara, Chap. 2; Johnson, Chap 6; and Calder (1993), Chaps. 1-4. Suggested reading: Rosenbluth, all.

	<p>6. The Bureaucracy in the Postwar Economy (4): MOF and Financial System</p> <p>7. The Business in the Postwar Economy (1): Industrial Organization Required reading: Okazaki and Okuno-Fujiwara, Chap. 3; and Calder (1993), Chaps. 5-6. Suggested reading: Gerlach, all.</p> <p>8. The Business in the Postwar Economy (2): Industrial Organization</p> <p>9. Business in the Postwar Economy (3): Corporate Governance Required reading: Charkham, Chap. 3; and Ezra Vogel, Chap 6. Suggested reading: Morita, all.</p> <p>10. Mid-term Exam</p> <p>11. The Politicians in the Postwar Economy (1) Required reading: Calder (1988) , Chaps. 1,2 and 4; and Katz, Chap 5. Suggested reading: Woodall, all.</p> <p>12. The Politicians in the Postwar Economy (2)</p> <p>13. Field Trip</p> <p>14. Field Trip</p> <p>15. Dual Economy and Trade Friction in the 70s-80s Required reading: Katz, Chaps 1-4 and 7-8. Suggested reading: Hartcher, all.</p> <p>16. Bubble Burst in the 90s</p> <p>17. Political Changes and Political Reforms in the 1990s Required reading: Steven Vogel, Chaps 2-3; and Shinoda. Suggested reading: Katz, Chaps 9-12 and Lincoln, Chap 5.</p> <p>18. Economic Reforms in the 1990s</p> <p>19. Political and Economic Reforms under Koizumi Required reading: Steven Vogel, Chaps 4 and 7.</p> <p>20. Political and Economic Reforms under DPJ and Abe</p>
Others (if any)	A Friday, most likely in May, may be set aside for a field trip to Tokyo, visiting the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, the Keidanren, the Tokyo Stock Exchange Market and Fuji Television. This depends on consent of the class.