

Osaka Gakuin University 2016-17 Fall Semester

Japanese Peace-building and Economics

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Course Description:

This course aims to develop an understanding of Japan's socio-economic structure and its role in international peace-building. Aspects of Japanese society, culture, economics and politics will be presented both in traditional as well as modern contexts. In particular, the course explicates the dynamics of Japan's contribution to peace building through economic cooperation with its ODA program, personnel cooperation under the International Peace Cooperation Law, and intellectual contribution in the international arena, since Japan pays more attention to peace-building efforts to prevent conflicts from occurring (or recurring) in certain countries and regions. This course consists of lectures, discussion, group research and presentations. Students will examine and discuss perspectives on contemporary global peace-building challenges and role of Japan in pairs. The course will address modern Japan and its socio-economic nexus vis-a-vis and international peace-building while encouraging students to formulate opinions on this topic.

Resources:

Text Book:

Peacebuilding in Crisis: Rethinking Paradigms and Practices of Transnational Cooperation (Routledge) by Tobias Debiel, Thomas Held, Ulrich Schneckener (Jan 29, 2016)

Reference Text:

Japan's Peace-Building Diplomacy in Asia: Seeking a More Active Political Role (Routledge Security in Asia Pacific Series) (2009).

United Nations, "United Nations Peace Keeping Operations: Principles and Guidelines" <Capstone Doctrine> (2008).

Collier, Paul and Hoeffler, Anke, "Greed and grievance in civil war," (World Bank, 2001).

Note: Other necessary hand-outs will be provided for each class

Evaluation:

- Class Attendance **(10%)**
- Contributions to the class including class discussions **(10%)**
- Assignments **(10%)**
- Midterm Presentations **(30%)**
- Final Report **(40%)**

Note: Evaluation method may change at the instructor's discretion depending on the class size and other factors.

Notes:

- Midterm Presentation Topics will be decided by the students (a detailed explanation will be in the class a week before presentations)
- Class 23: A recreational/study visit to a specified area: This will be also decided by the students whether to have one day visit or watch a movie the class.

Course Schedule:

Week 1:

- Class 1: Getting Started: Introduction and Course Description
- Class 2: History of Japan (Modern) & Team selection for group work

Week 2:

- Class 3: Memories of War and Peace-building in Post-War Japan
- Class 4: Basic Principles and Features of Peacebuilding

Week 3:

- Class 5: UN Peace Keeping Operations and Japan
- Class 6: Post-Conflict Development and Peace-Building

Week 4:

- Class 7: Japan's Efforts on Peace-Building: Case Studies
- Class 8: Japan's Efforts on Peace-Building: Cambodia

Week 5:

- Class 9: Japan's Efforts on Peace-Building: Timor-Leste
- Class 10: Japan's Efforts on Peace-Building: Sri Lanka

Week 6:

- Class 11: Japan's Efforts on Peace-Building: Iraq
- Class 12: Japan's Efforts on Peace-Building: Afghanistan

Week 7:

- Class 13: Japan's Efforts on Peace-Building: The TICAD Process and Assistance to Africa
- Class 14: Japan's Efforts on Peace-Building: The Philippines (Mindanao)

Week 8: Presentations Week (Midterm Presentations)

- Class 15: Midterm Presentations
- Class 16: Midterm Presentations

Week 9:

- Class 17: Midterm Presentations
- Class 18: Midterm Presentations

Week 10:

- Class 19: Japan's Relations with the U.S.
- Class 20: Japan's Proactive Role after 9/11 and the War on Terror

Week 11:

- Class 21: Japan's Relations with Russia, Central Asia and the Middle East
- Class 22: Exercising Leadership: Mine Action

Week 12:

- Class 23: A recreational activity/study visit to a specified area
- Class 24: Human Security: Taking Initiatives in Intellectual Area

Week 13:

- Class 25: Japan's Reaction to Conflict in the Middle East and North Africa
- Class 26: Syrian Conflict and its Dynamics

Week 14:

- Class 27: Japan's Internal Politics and Challenges
- Class 28: Japan's Future Efforts for Peacebuilding

Week 15:

- Class 29: Wrap up of Peace Building Course
- Class 30: Announcement of Guidelines for the Final Report
(Reflection Essay)

Note: Course contents and schedule are subject to change depending on the class size and the discretion of the teacher.