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| Osaka Gakuin University 2026-2027 Fall Semester                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
| <b>Regional Development Studies</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |
| <b>Instructor :</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |
| HO Thanh Tam<br>E-mail: hothanhtam.rits@gmail.com<br>Lesson: Monday 13:30-15:15 & Wednesday 15:30-17:15<br>Subject code : 1060                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
| <b>Course Description:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| <p>The Regional Development Studies course introduces students to foundational knowledge of regional development and development economics. It covers key topics such as economic development, rural-urban migration, poverty and inequality, agricultural transformation, rural livelihoods, institutions and interventions, climate action, and sustainability. Students will have opportunities to strengthen literature review skills, reflective thinking, critical analysis, and independent and team-based work.</p> |  |
| <b>Resources</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| Handouts will be provided for each class.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
| <b>Evaluation</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Class attendance: 20%</li> <li>- In-class activities/assignments: 30%</li> <li>- Presentation (Group/Individual): 30%</li> <li>- Individual report: 20%</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| <b>Notes:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| The schedule is subject to change, considering current situations and class size.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |

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| <b>Course Schedule:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Week 1: Introduction & Course Overview<br>Week 2: Population Growth and Economic Development<br>Week 3: Poverty, Inequality, and Development<br>Week 4: Human Capital<br>Week 5: Urbanization and Rural-Urban Migration<br>Week 6: Institutions and Interventions<br>Week 7: Environment and Development<br>Week 8: The Rural Sector in Transition Economies<br>Week 9: Agricultural Transformation and Rural Development I<br>Week 10: Agricultural Transformation and Rural Development II<br>Week 11: Sustainable Development and Agriculture<br>Week 12: Presentation<br>Week 13: Course Review |