

Osaka Gakuin University 2026-2027 Fall Semester

Nationalism in Japan

Instructor :

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Lesson: Thursday 13:30-15:15, 15:30-17:15
Subject code :

Course Description:

This advanced presentation and discussion course approaches Japanese nationalism. Current Japanese society is inclined towards an open and multicultural world. To achieve this co-existence, remnants of Japanese exceptionalism that were the basis of Japanese imperialism must be re-examined as they are the current holdouts preventing cultural fluidity; these co-existing preventing tendencies fall under the umbrella term of Japanese nationalism. The class examines from a philosophical perspective the ideological basis of Japanese nationalism and the Japanese efforts done to find a project open to co-existence.

Resources

The materials will be provided throughout the course.

Evaluation

Class participation: [50%]
Presentation: [30%]
In class activities: [20%]

Notes:

Materials will be facilitated in the class.

Course Schedule:

Course starts from 9/3

Week 1: Introduction and Preliminaries

Week 2: Construction of the Japanese modern state

Week 3: Minorities in Japan

Week 4: Construction of constitutional Japan

Week 5: Japanese citizenship after WWII

Week 6: Discourse construction and review based on weeks 1 to 5

Week 7: Japanese Identity after WWII

Week 8: Transitional Phase

Week 9: Construction of an International Image

Week 10: New Immigrants in Japan

Week 11: Nationalism as it is today

Week 12: Discourse construction and review based on weeks 7 to 11

Week 13: Class assessment