

シラバス詳細情報

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授業コード	22740
科目	STJS (Women in Japan)
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授業種別	週間授業
授業方法	講義

Do you want to learn and better understand people who constitute half of the population in Japan? Yes, they are Japanese women. To look at Japan from the women's standpoint gives you deeper understandings of Japanese history, family, marriage, and human relationships. Japanese women are found to be one of the major topics of interest among the observers and scholars of Japan around the world. Do you know that ancient Japan was probably one of the most gender equal societies in the world? But today, the status of Japanese women, especially in the occupational world, is considerably behind compared with other developed countries and some Asian countries. What happened to the Japanese women and is happening to them now? And how are Japanese women portrayed in the media both domestic and overseas? This course will examine the changing positions of women in Japanese society from ancient times to the present, and analyze the social and cultural factors influencing the life of today's Japanese women, as well as critical issues and challenges they are facing in 21st century Japan (e.g. the declining birthrate). Furthermore, movies which describe Japanese women in different ways will be shown for discussion (and enjoyment, of course.).

The course will be divided primarily into three parts: (1) Examination of women's role and status in Japan throughout its history, (2) Contemporary Japanese women's social environment and issues they face in various areas of their life, including socialization, marriage & family, and work, and (3) student's independent research project on Japanese women. (Any aspect/topic of women in Japan which students take interest in will be developed into a research paper with a close consultation with the instructor.) The class is inherently comparative: students are encouraged to be reflective of the women's situations in their own countries.

到達目標 Students will deepen understandings of realities and issues of women in Japan and their historical, social, and cultural backgrounds. Student will also become interested in gender issues in different societies.

授業計画 I. History of Japanese women (Their changing social position, family system, lifestyle...)

Class 1. Session 1 Introduction to the course
Session 2 Women in Ancient Japan

Class 2. Session 1 Nara and Heian period
Session 2 Middle age and Sengoku (Constant warfare) period

Class 3. Session 1 & 2
Edo Period (Pre-modern Japan): Confucian influence and different lifestyles according to the social statuses.

Class 4. Session 1 & 2 Meiji Period: Japan's modernization/westernization and the role of women

Class 5. Session 1 War and Military period
Session 2 Early Feminist movements in Japan

Class 6. Session 1&2
Movie "Kaabei" A traditional ideal Japanese mother portrayed in a movie.
Class discussions.

Class 7 Session 1: Japanese women portrayed in the media
Session 2: Consultations on the independent research project

II. Contemporary Japanese women's social issues: Education, Family, and Work.

Class 8 Session 1 Post WWII American Occupational reform and women
Session 2 Socialization of Japanese women and Educational achievement

Class 9 Session 1 Marriage and family
Session 2 "Motherhood" in today's Japan

Class 10 Session 1 & 2 Movie "Hula Girl" Self-actualization and women.
Class Discussions.

Class 11 Session 1 & 2 Women and Work: Situations from the past to present. What are the obstacles and barriers against their occupational achievement today?

Class 12 Session 1 Women and Work (continued):
Session 2 Consultations on the independent research project

Class 13 Field trip (Tentative) (visit to the Machida City Gender Equality Promotion Center).

III. Students' research presentations and special topics.

Class 14 Session 1 &2 Student's research paper presentation

Class 15 Session 1 & 2
Special problems selected: Domestic violence, Poverty, and others.

授業時間外学習

To keep up with required readings with students'own pace. (The reading list is given on the 1st day of the course.)

To find a woman/social issue of their interest and conduct research on the topic.

テキスト

Selected chapters from the following books (which are all placed in the reserve section of the library)

1. Women in Japan (1987) by Marjorie Wall Bingham and Susan Hill Gross
- 2 "Gender Stratification and the Family System" Chapter 6 in an Introduction to Japanese Society (2014) by Yoshio Sugimoto
3. Other relevant articles from online sources. They will be on reserve. (On Moodle) and occasionally given in the class.

参考書

評価基準

Attendance, class participation, and research presentation 20%
Mid-Term Exam (Take-home) 25%

Research paper (Details will be announced later.) 30%
Final Exam (Take-home) 25%

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