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【授業形態】

講義

【講義・演習概要】

This is an introductory course on the Japanese economy with a focus on the domestic aspects of its postwar development. (The related course offered in the fall semester focuses more on the international aspects of the Japanese economy.) The purpose of the course is to familiarize economics majors and non-majors with the basic framework of the present-day Japanese economy and seminal events and developments that have determined the course of the nation. The course will start with an overview of the contemporary Japanese economy, and will move from there to a presentation of one topic per session. Topics will be drawn from current issues of concern related primarily to the economy, but also to social and political developments in Japan. Note that the order and content of topics are subject to change.

【学習目標】

The purpose of this course is to gain a general knowledge of the postwar development path of the Japanese economy, the successes and failures of Japan's growth strategy, and current economic problems and challenges.
 Lectures will be conducted in English and will require a high level of English proficiency. Students will be expected to actively contribute to the discussion portion of the lecture.

【講義計画】

- 第1回: Overview of the contemporary Japanese economy -- Searching for a vision for the future 25 Years after the collapse of the "Bubble Economy"
- 第2回: Statistical overview -- Macroeconomic Comparison of Japan and Other Countries
Is Japan a wealthy society?
- 第3回: Topic 1: Demographic trends in Japan -- Living with an Aging and Shrinking Population
- 第4回: Topic 2: Constitution of Japan -- Ideals and Strictures
- 第5回: Topic 3: Government and Politics in Japan -- Resurgence in Leadership?
- 第6回: Topic 4: Public Debt in Japan -- The Spectre of Fiscal Crisis and Bankruptcy
- 第7回: Topic 5: The 2011 Earthquake and its Long-Term Socio-Economic Impact -- Relief and Reconstruction
- 第8回: Topic 6: Sources of Japanese Malaise -- Social and Economic Origins of Malaise
- 第9回: Topic 7: Abenomics -- Overcoming a Decade of Deflation
- 第10回: Topic 8: Abenomics -- Viability of Fiscal Policies
- 第11回: Topic 9: Abenomics -- The Missing Third Arrow
- 第12回: Topic 10: Toward a Knowledge-Based Economy -- Innovation in Japan
- 第13回: Topic 11: Japan's Educational System -- New and Old Challenges
- 第14回: Topic 12: Future of the Japanese Economy -- Growth or Stagnation
- 第15回: Summarization and Discussion
Alternative scenarios for the future of Japan

【成績評価の方法】

試験評価:80% レポート:0% 出席:20%
 Attendance will be taken in class. Final grade will be based on attendance, contribution to class discussion and result of test given at the end of the semester.

【使用テキスト】

なし

【参考文献】

No textbook will be assigned. Handouts will accompany each lecture and will be used as a basis for instruction and discussion.

【準備学習の指示(事前学習 30 時間、事後学習 30 時間)】

Instructions for class preparation:

1. Read materials in advance and be prepared to participate in discussion.
2. Be prepared to ask questions on topic of study, and provide comparative information on the economy of your home country.

【その他備考(担当教員用)】

この授業はすべて英語で行います。高い英語力とやる気が要求されます。

【備考(管理者用)】

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