

‘Major Global Issues and Challenges’

国際社会研究演習

Topic Titles and Basic Syllabus Information

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Theme:

This seminar will focus on a number of key global issues and challenges.

Goal of Course and Educational Objectives

At the end of the course, students should have a sound knowledge of a selected number of some of the world’s most important issues and challenges and their influence on present day international relations. They should also be able to display their knowledge of, and opinions about, chosen topics in a writing assignment and in an in-class presentation.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the seminar course, students will be asked to submit **one writing assignment (essay)** based on a topic selected by the student. Students will also be expected to complete **a homework assignment (each week)** for each of the selected topics and to make **one presentation** during the seminar course. This assessment will be discussed in greater detail in Week 1. **Students who enroll for just one semester quarter (about eight weeks)** need to complete the weekly homework assignments and an essay **or** a presentation.

Weekly Topics: (for students taking the course for the first time).

Quarter # 1

Seminar 1: *Guidance Week and Course Introduction*

Seminar 2: *Human Rights (History and Principles)*

Seminar 3: *Terrorism (State, State-sponsored, and non-State, Terrorism)*

Seminar 4: *The United Nations (UN) (and International Law)*

Seminar 5: *Racism and Discrimination*

Seminar 6: *Globalization and the International Financial System*

Seminar 7: *Women's Rights*

Seminar 8: *The Rights of Children*

Quarter # 2

Seminar 9: *Workers' Rights*

Seminar 10: *Religious Extremism and Ethnic Nationalism*

Seminar 11: *Genocide, War Crimes, and Crimes Against Humanity*

Seminar 12: *Global Poverty*

Seminar 13: *The Causes and Consequences of Conflict*

Seminar 14: *Environmental Issues and Resource Competition*

Seminar 15: *Class Discussion and Questions and Answers Session*

Weekly Topics (for students taking the course for the second time).

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Week 1: *Guidance Week and Course Introduction*

Week 2: *Russia (since the end of the Cold War)*

Week 3: *Iraq and Afghanistan (since 2001)*

Week 4: *The South China Sea disputes*

Week 5: *Israel and Palestine*

Week 6: *US – Latin America Relations*

Week 7: *The Middle East since the Arab Spring (in 2010)*

Week 8: *Iran*

Quarter # 2

Week 9: *India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh*

Week 10: *The European Union (EU)*

Week 11: *The Korean Peninsula*

Week 12: *Africa (Key Challenges and Problems)*

Week 13: *The Rise of China*

Week 14: *Discussion of Next Year's Graduation Thesis (Proposals, Ideas, and Questions +Answers) [for full time Kanazawa University home students]*

Week 15: *Class Discussion and Questions and Answers Session*