

Syllabus

Institutions and Organizations in Japan (AEAS 1)

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Session	Tuesday, 10:15 – 11:45	Thursday, 08:30 – 10:00
Room	LE 736	LE 736
Form	Seminar	Seminar
Office Hour	Tuesday, 13:00 – 14:00 LE 727	Thursday, 10:30 – 11:30 LE 727

Content & Aims

In comparative studies Japan represents an important deviation from the 'liberal market' and individualistic societies of the UK and US, while exhibiting strong similarities with the social institutional arrangements, relative equality and high degrees of social integration credited to western European societies. Many of these differences can be traced back to the development of governmental and democratic institutions in Japan. Recently however, the strengths of Japanese social and political institutions have been called into question. Especially the seeming lack of reform potential, in the context of globalization, the rise of China as a regional power and dramatic demographic changes have highlighted the lack of social and political capacities for reform.

The aim of this course is to understand the origins of Japanese social and political institutions, how they compare to European cases, with an emphasis on the form of capitalism, employment, welfare/social policy, gender division of labor, the family, migration and ethnicity, political parties and election dynamics as well as policy formation.

Requirement

- Regular participation
- Reading the provided literature (via Moodle)
- Presentation based on the readings in "*Institutions and Organizations in Japan*"
- Completing practice exercises in "*Research on Japanese Social Institutional Change*"
- Research paper

This course (hereafter "Institutions") is part of the CEAS/MEAS module by the same name, and students are expected to attend the second part of the module, "Research on Japanese Social Institutional Change" (hereafter "Research") in parallel.

The evaluation is based on both course-specific exercises and participation, and a research paper prepared for the module as a whole. The accompanying "Research" seminar is focused especially on research skills, resources, data and support for producing a strong research-oriented paper.

The "Institutions" seminar provides the theoretical and analytical preparation for independent research, while "Research" supports methodological and empirical research development for CEAS and MEAS students specializing in Society and Politics of Japan. Students are expected to attend both seminars regularly and to complete an estimated six hours total of preparation per week, half of which is for meeting preparation (reading, taking notes, preparing discussion questions for each meeting, preparation of a presentation based on the readings at least once during the semester in "Institutions," completing practice exercises as assigned in "Research"), and half of which is self-directed research for the final paper.

The weekly course meetings are not structured as lectures, but rather as discussions of the specific topic, on the basis of the required readings. Usually, the lecturer will prepare a short lecture to introduce the topic, then turn over the meeting to a student, who will be responsible for leading the discussion, with the preparation of a very brief summary (no more than 5 power point slides). Other participants are also expected to complete the reading, and arrive in class with discussion questions and comments. The discussion questions should be posted on the Moodle site prior the meeting.

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Final Paper

The "Research" seminar will include coaching for developing the structure and content of a research paper. The research paper will generally be based on the chosen session topic. Further details will be announced in the "Research" seminar. Research papers are due by Monday, 10th August 2015. Students will receive a grade by September 2015.

Grading

Students will be evaluated on the basis of their assignments, regular participation in discussions, on their presentation and leading one of the discussions, and for the final research paper. Coursework (attendance, presentation, discussion, assignments) in the "Institutions" seminar count for 25% of the final module grade. The research paper counts for 50% of the module grade. An additional 25% of the module grade is determined by participation and evaluation in the "Research" seminar.

Course Materials

All required readings for the course will be posted on Moodle, and students are expected to access these materials themselves.

“Institutions”

Session schedule

#	Date	Content
01	07.04.2015	<p>Introduction to Social Institutions in Japan</p> <p>Introduction to the seminar topic, its organization within the module, expected requirements, the session schedule, and assignment of presentations.</p>
02	14.04.2015	<p>Stability and Change in Capitalist Institutions in Japan</p> <p>Required Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Streeck, Wolfgang /Yamamura, Kozo (2003): Introduction: Convergence or Diversity? Stability and Change in German and Japanese Capitalism. In: Streeck, Wolfgang / Yamamura, Kozo (Eds.): <i>The End of Diversity? Prospects for German and Japanese Capitalism</i>. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, pgs. 1-17. <p>Presentation: Xiaowen JIN</p> <p>Recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Streeck, Wolfgang / Yamamura, Kozo (2001): Introduction: Explorations into the Origins of Nonliberal Capitalism in Germany and Japan. In: <i>The Origins of Nonliberal Capitalism: Germany and Japan in Comparison</i>. Ithaca: Cornell University Press. ▪ Boyer, Robert (2000): <i>Japanese Capitalism in Crisis</i>. London: Routledge. ▪ Vogel, Steven (2006): <i>Japan Remodeled</i>. Ithaca: Cornell University Press. ▪ Francks, Penelope (1999): <i>Japanese Economic Development: Theory and practice</i>. London: Routledge. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chapter 12: The Emergence of an Industrial Labor Force (pp. 217-230), ○ Chapter 13: Industrialization and the Structure of Industry (pp. 231 – 259) ▪ Eisenstadt, S. N. (1995): <i>Japanese Civilization: A Comparative View</i>. Chicago: Chicago University Press. ▪ Moore, Barrington (1966): <i>Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy: Lord and Peasant in the Making of the Modern World</i>. Boston: Beacon Press. ▪ Dore, Ronald (1973): <i>British Factory, Japanese Factory</i>. Berkeley: University of California Press. ▪ Gordon, A. (1985): <i>The Evolution of Labor Relations in Japan: Heavy Industry, 1853-1955</i>. Cambridge MA: Harvard University Press. ▪ Smith, Thomas C. (1988): <i>Native Sources of Japanese Industrialization 1750-1920</i>. Berkeley: University of California Press.
03	21.04.2015	<p>Working Life in Japan</p> <p>Required Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Matanle, Peter C.D. (2003): <i>Japanese Capitalism and Modernity in a Global Era</i>. London: Routledge. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ excerpt from Chapter 3: Lifetime Employment in Post-war Japan, pp. 47-67

		<p>Presentation: Anna STEINBERG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cook, Emma E. (2013): Expectations of Failure: Maturity and Masculinity for Freeters in Contemporary Japan. In: <i>Social Science Journal Japan</i>, Vol. 16, No. 1, pp. 29-43. <p>Presentation: Victoriia SHURYHINA</p> <p>Recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shire, Karen (1999): Socialization and Work in Japan: The Meaning of Adulthood of Men and Women in a Business Context. In: <i>International Journal of Japanese Sociology</i>, no. 8, November, pp. 77-92. ▪ Kumazawa, Makoto (1996): <i>Portraits of the Japanese Workplace: Labor Movements, Workers, and Managers</i>. Westview Press.
04	28.04.2015	<p>Japanese Employment Institutions</p> <p>Required Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fu, Huiyan (2012): <i>An Emerging Non-Regular Labour Force in Japan: The Dignity of Dispatched Workers</i>. Routledge. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chapter 2: Haken: a new non-regular labor force and a booming industry. <p>Presentation: Anna LÜTH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ North, Scott (2009): Negotiating What's 'Natural': Persistent Domestic Gender Role Inequality in Japan. In: <i>Social Science Journal Japan</i>. Vol. 12, No. 1, pp. 23-44. <p>Presentation: Wen TAN</p> <p>Recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Imai, Jun (2011): <i>The Transformation of Japanese Employment Relations: Reform Without Labor</i>. Palgrave Press. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chapter 2: Employment Relations in Postwar Japan ▪ Matanle, Peter C.D. (2003): <i>Japanese Capitalism and Modernity in a Global Era</i>. London: Routledge. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ excerpt from Chapter 5: pp. 125. ▪ Miyamoto, Taro (2009): <i>After the Male Employment Oriented Regime</i>. Univ. of Hokkaido (unpublished paper) ▪ Osawa, Mari (2001): People in Irregular Modes of Employment: Are They Really Not Subject to Discrimination? In: <i>Social Science Journal Japan</i>, Vol. 4, No. 2, pp. 183-199. ▪ Gottfried, Heidi / O'Reilly, Jacqueline (2002): Re-regulating breadwinner models in socially conservative welfare regimes: comparing Germany and Japan. In: <i>Social Politics</i>, vol. 9, no. 1, pp. 29-59. ▪ Shire, Karen (2008): <i>Gender Dimensions of the Ageing Workforce</i>. In: Coulmas, Florian et al. (Eds.): <i>The Demographic Challenge: A Handbook about Japan</i>. Brill Verlag. Pp. 963-997. ▪ Charles, Maria, Chang, Mariko, Han, Joon (2004): Chapter Six: Gender and Age in the Japanese Labor Market, 1950 – 1955. In: <i>Occupational Ghettos:</i>

		<p><i>The Worldwide Segregation of Women and Men</i>. Stanford: Stanford University Press. Pp. 179-212</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Broadbent, Kaye (2003): <i>Women's Employment in Japan: The Experience of Part-time Work</i>. New York: RoutledgeCurzon. ▪ Shire, Karen (2000): Gendered Organization and Workplace Culture in Japanese Customer Services. In: <i>Social Science Journal Japan</i>, Vol. 3, no. 1, pp. 37-57. ▪ Kimoto, Kimiko (2005): <i>Gender and Japanese Management</i>. Melbourne: Trans Pacific Press. ▪ Ochiai, Emiko / Molony, Barbara (Eds.) (2008): <i>Asia's New Mothers: Crafting Gender Roles and Childcare Networks in East and Southeast Asian Societies</i>. Kent, UK: Global Oriental.
05	05.05.2015	<p>Migration and Ethnicity</p> <p>Required Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Liu-Farrer, Gracia (2011): <i>Labouring to learn: Student migrant life in Japan</i>. London: Routledge. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chapter 3 in Labour Migration from China to Japan: International students, transnational migrants pp. 63 – 84 <p>Presentation: Sarah MÖLLER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shipper, Apichai (2002): Political construction of foreign workers in Japan. In: <i>Critical Asian Studies</i>, pp. 42-68. <p>Presentation: Alisa ZIMMERMANN</p> <p>Recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chris Burgess (2007): Multicultural Japan? Discourse and the 'Myth' of Homogeneity. In: <i>Japan Focus</i>, pp 1-16. ▪ Liu-Farrer, Gracia (2011): Careers in Japan's transnational economy. London: Routledge. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chapter 4 in Labour Migration from China to Japan: International students, transnational migrants. pp. 85 – 109 ▪ Chiavacci, David (2011): <i>Internationale Migration in regionaler Perspektive: Die Transformation Japans in ein Immigrationsland als Fallbeispiel</i>. In: Center for Area Studies, CAS, FU-Berlin. (downloaded from University of Zurich Open Repository, http://dx.doi.org/10.5167/uzh-53922). ▪ See also, Special Issue of ASIEN 124 (Juli 2012) on Migration (articles by Gabrielle Vogt, David Chiavacci, Reiko Ogawa, Gracia Liu-Farrer).
06	12.05.2015	<p>Civil Society Organizations</p> <p>Required Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Avenell, Simon (2012): From Kobe to Tohoku: the potential and the peril of a volunteer infrastructure (p. 53-77), in: Kingston, Jeff (ed.) (2012): <i>Natural disasters and nuclear crisis in Japan: response and recovery after Japan's 3/11</i>, Routledge: New York. <p>Presentation: Fabienne HUBBERT</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Aldrich, Daniel (2013): Rethinking Civil Society-State Relations in Japan after the Fukushima Accident, in: <i>Polity</i>, Vol. 45, Number 2, April 2013, p. 249-264. <p>Presentation: TBA</p> <p>Recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Aldrich, D. (2010) <i>Site fights: divisive facilities and civil society in Japan and the West</i>. Ithaca: Cornell University Press. ▪ Avenell, S. (2010) <i>Making Japanese Citizens. Civil Society and the Mythology of the Shimin in Postwar Japan</i>. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press. ▪ Chan, J. (ed.) (2008) <i>Another Japan is possible: New Social Movements and Global Citizenship Education</i>. Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press. ▪ Hasegawa, K. (2014) The Fukushima nuclear accident and Japan's civil society: Context, reactions, and policy impacts, <i>International Sociology</i> 29(4): 283-301. ▪ Ogawa, A. (2009) <i>The failure of civil society? The third sector and the state in contemporary Japan</i>; Albany: SUNY Press. ▪ Pekkanen, R. (2006) <i>Japan's dual civil society: members without advocates</i>. Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press. ▪ Reimann, K.D. (2010) <i>The rise of Japanese NGOs; Activism from above. Routledge contemporary Japan series ; 28</i>. London [u.a.]: Routledge. ▪ Schwartz, F.J. and Pharr, S.J. (eds.) (2003) <i>The state of civil society in Japan</i>. New York: Cambridge University Press. ▪ Taniguchi, H. and Marshall G. A. (2014) The Effects of Social Trust and Institutional Trust on Formal Volunteering and Charitable Giving in Japan, <i>Voluntas</i> 25: 150-175. ▪ Tsujinaka, Y. and Pekkanen, R. (2007) 'Civil society and interest groups in contemporary Japan', <i>Pacific Affairs</i> 80(3): 419-437. ▪ Vinken, H.; Nishimura, Y.; White, B. L. J.; Deguchi, M. (ed.): <i>Civic Engagement in contemporary Japan. Established and Emerging Repertoires</i>. New York, London: Springer 2010.
07	19.05.2015	<p>Family</p> <p>Required Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nemoto, Kumiko (2008): Postponed Marriage: Exploring Women's Views of Matrimony and Work in Japan. In: <i>Gender and Society</i>, Vol. 22, No. 2, pp. 219-237. <p>Presentation: Lisa KETTENHOFEN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lee, Kristen Schultz (2010): Gender, Care Work, and the Complexity of Family Membership in Japan. In: <i>Gender and Society</i>, Vol. 24, No. 5, pp. 647-671. <p>Presentation: Yasmin FARZANA</p>
08	26.05.2015	Holiday / University closed
09	02.06.2015	<p>Politics of Agriculture in Japan (Guest Lecture by Hanno Jentsch)</p> <p>Required Reading:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Horiuchi, Yusaku / Saito, Jun (2010): Cultivating Rice and Votes: The Institutional Origins of Agricultural Protectionism in Japan, in: <i>Journal of East Asian Studies</i>, Vol. 10, Pp. 425 – 452. <p>Presentation: Wenyang LUO</p>
10	09.06.2015	<p>Post-3/11 Japan (Guest Lecture: Paul Scalise)</p> <p>Required Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scalise, Paul J. (2012): Hard Choices: Japan's Post-Fukushima Energy Policy in the 21st Century. In: Kingston, Jeff (Ed.): <i>Natural Disaster and Nuclear Crisis in Japan: Response and Recovery after Japan's 3/11</i>. London: Routledge, 2012. Pp. 140-155 <p>Presentation: Alexander FEDOROV</p> <p>Recommended Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scalise, Paul J. (2013): Who Controls Whom? Constraints, Challenges, and Rival Policy Images in Japan's Post-war Energy Restructuring. In: Kingston, Jeff (Ed.): <i>Critical Studies on Contemporary Japan</i>. London: Routledge. Pp. 92-106. Scalise, Paul J. (forthcoming) In Search of Certainty: How Political Authority and Scientific Authority Interact in Japan's Nuclear Restart Process. In: Heazle, Michael / Kane, John (Eds.): <i>Policy Legitimacy, Science, and Political Authority</i>. New York: Routledge, 2015 (forthcoming).
11	16.06.2015	<p>Youth & Education</p> <p>Required Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slater, David (2011): The 'new working class' of urban Japan. In: Ishida, Hiroshi / Slater, David (Eds.): <i>Social Class in Contemporary Japan</i>. London: Routledge. Pp. 137-164. <p>Presentation: Mariia SHITIKOVA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kariya, Takehiko (2012): <i>Education Reform and Social Class in Japan: The emerging incentive divide</i>. London: Routledge. Pp. 56-87. <p>Presentation: Kira BETHKE</p> <p>Recommended: Goodman, Roger / Imoto, Yui / Toivonen, Tuukka (2012): <i>A Sociology of Japanese Youth: from returnees to NEETs</i>. London: Routledge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">
12	23.06.2015	<p>Japanese Politics (Guest Lecture: Axel Klein)</p> <p>Required Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Klein, Axel / Reed, Steven R.: Religious Groups in Japanese Electoral Politics. In: Axel Klein & Steven R. ReedEhrhardt, George / Klein, Axel / McLaughlin, Levi / Reed, Steven R (Eds.): <i>Kōmeitō: Politics and Religion in Japan</i>. Pp. 25-50. <p>Presentation:</p>

		Marat KUZEKOV
13	30.06.2015	<p>The Japanese Welfare State & Aging Society</p> <p>Required Reading: Esping-Andersen, Gosta (1997): Hybrid or Unique? The Japanese Welfare State between Europe and America. In: <i>Journal of European Social Policy</i>, Vol 7, pp. 179 – 189.</p> <p>Presentation: TBA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Yong, Vanessa / Saito, Yasuhiko (2012): National Long-Term Care Insurance Policy in Japan a Decade after Implementation: Some Lessons for Aging Countries. In: <i>Ageing International</i>, Vol. 37, Pp. 271-284. <p>Presentation: Sandra JÄGER</p> <p>Recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Estevez-Abe (2008): Rashomon – the Japanese Welfare State in a comparative Perspective. In: <i>Welfare and Capitalism in Postwar Japan</i>. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 19-50. ▪ Osawa, Mari (2011): <i>Social Security in Contemporary Japan</i>. London: Routledge. ▪ Osawa, Mari (2007): <i>Gendai nihon no seikatsu hoshô shisutemu</i> [The Contemporary Japanese Livelihood Security System]. Tokyo: Iwanami Shoten. ▪ Osawa, Mari (2007): Comparative Livelihood Security Systems from a Gender Perspective, with a Focus on Japan, In: Walby, et al: <i>Gendering the Knowledge Economy</i>. Houndmills: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 81 – 108 <p>Goodman, Roger 2002: <i>Family and Social Policy in Japan</i>. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.</p>
14	07.07.2015	Presentation and Feedback on Research Papers
15	14.07.2015	Presentation and Feedback on Research Papers
–	10.08.2015	<p>Hand-in of the Research Paper</p> <p>Please submit your research paper digitally and a paper copy to Vitali Heidt and Melanie Wacker</p>