

Course Name	Society II (Readings)		
Semester, Year	Second Semester, 2018	Number of Credits	2 credits
Course level	3000	Course Number	27117
Instructor(s) (Institution)	Susanne Klien (大学院メディア・コミュニケーション研究院)		
Course Objectives	This course provides an introduction to different aspects of contemporary Japanese society.		
Course Goals	<p>Students will be able to critically assess different facets of contemporary Japanese society by reading a variety of academic texts.</p> <p>Participants of this class will be expected to participate actively in discussions throughout the course as well as engage in group work with other students from various cultural backgrounds.</p> <p>Close to native/proficient English language skills are required to keep up with the reading materials that students need to read before every session.</p>		
Course Schedule	<p>Intro session            Session One: 'Japaneseness'            Session Two: Cuisine and identity            Session Three: Work            Session Four: Work life balance            Session Five: Religion            Session Six: Rural depopulation            Session Seven: Mid-term test            Session Eight: Mobility            Session Nine: Tourism            Session Ten: Popular culture            Session Eleven: Education            Session Twelve: Death            Session Thirteen: Students' text choices and wrap up            Session Fourteen: Final test</p>		
Homework	<p><a href="http://susanne-klien.net">http://susanne-klien.net</a>            Check homepage for detailed information and updates.            All readings and other information on the course (exams, grading, optional material) will be uploaded on the homepage.            The password will be distributed to students in the intro session.</p>		
Grading System	<p>Active participation 30%            Presentations 30%            Final exam and mid-term exam 40%</p>		
Textbooks / Reading List			
Websites	<p><a href="http://susanne-klien.net">http://susanne-klien.net</a>            Check for updates and detailed information on the course.</p>		
Website of Laboratory	<p><a href="http://susanne-klien.net">http://susanne-klien.net</a>            Check for updates and detailed information on the course.</p>		
Additional Information	<p>A strong command of English is required to take this course.            Please note that the course schedule is subject to change.            Check the homepage regularly for updates.</p>		