

Course Name	Introduction to Japanese Studies II (Culture)		
Semester, Year	First Semester, 2019	Number of Credits	2 credits
Course level	3000	Course Number	027042
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 examines current issues in modern Japanese culture with a focus on sociocultural anthropology.		
Course Goals	Students will be expected to read seminal works on Japanese culture in advance of each class and engage in discussions with peers from across the world. The class will be highly interactive.		
Course Schedule	<p>1 Introduction [explanation of the course, definition of culture, position of Japanese studies, distribute reading of Stevens "Anthropology of Modern Japan"]</p> <p>2 Entrepreneurship, gender, culture [reading Traphagan, "Entrepreneurs in rural Japan: gender, blockage, and the pursuit of existential meaning"]</p> <p>3 Body, dress and culture [reading Goldstein-Gidoni, Chapter 10 Companion]</p> <p>4 Consumption and gender [Reading: Christensen "Real Men don't hold their Liquor"]</p> <p>5 Gender, work and self in Japan [Reading: Kato "True Self, True Work"]</p> <p>6 Nature and Japanese culture [Reading: Martinez, Chapter 12 Companion]</p> <p>7 Multiple-choice quiz plus mini-fieldwork on campus on given theme</p> <p>8 Well-being, toilets and culture [Reading Szczygiel "The Material Culture of Japanese Toilets"]</p> <p>9 Well-being, material culture and rituals [Reading: Daniels: Scooping, raking, beckoning luck: luck, agency and the interdependence of people and things in Japan]</p> <p>10 Concepts and culture: Mimesis, 'kata', 'wa' [Reading Bender "Of Roots and Race"]</p> <p>11 Reading week</p> <p>12 Food, consumption and convenience [Reading Whitelaw "Shelf lives and the labors of loss"]</p> <p>13 Death and culture [Reading Kim: Necrosociality: isolated death and unclaimed cremains in Japan]</p> <p>14 Tradition and national identity [Reading Surak, "From selling tea to selling Japaneseness"]</p> <p>15 End of term exam and final session</p>		
Homework	<p>Students will be expected to critically read texts in advance of every session.</p> <p>All readings will be uploaded on my homepage.</p> <p>Students will receive detailed information and the password to access materials for the course in the introductory session.</p> <p>Check the homepage regularly for updates.</p> <p>Note that course readings are subject to change.</p>		
Grading System	<p>Multiple choice quiz 20%</p> <p>Presentation 20%</p> <p>Final exam 40%</p> <p>Class participation 20%</p>		
Textbooks / Reading List			
Websites			
Website of Laboratory	Detailed information will be provided in the first session.		
Additional Information	This course requires advanced English language skills (native or close to native level) as extended readings will be discussed in all sessions and the course is highly interactive.		