

Course Name	Japanese History (Theory & Practice) I		
Semester, Year	First Semester, 2019	Number of Credits	2 credits
Course level	3000	Course Number	027046
Instructor(s) (Institution)	BULL JONATHAN EDWARD 大学院メディア・コミュニケーション研究院		
Course Objectives	This course examines the collapse of the Japanese Empire and the legacies for post-war society. We will focus on the situation in the Japanese Empire's 'Far North' meaning Hokkaido and Karafuto (Sakhalin). We will also consider the Japanese empire's collapse in comparison with the end of other empires in the twentieth century. The questions the class will address include the following: 1) what does 'decolonization' mean in the case of the end of the Japanese Empire? 2) how did the collapse of the empire affect Japanese living in the colonies? 3) how have the memories of former colonial settlers impacted Japanese society since 1945?		
Course Goals	By the end of the course students should be able to: 1) Understand how scholars have examined the topic of the end of empire 2) Identify historical arguments and evaluate an author's claims by examining evidence and alternative explanations 3) Express their own interpretations of historical developments by reading primary and secondary sources		
Course Schedule	Week 1: Introduction - overview of themes and readings Week 2: Introduction - overview of themes and readings (2) Week 3: Contemporary theories of empire and the Japanese Empire Week 4: Settler colonialism and the Japanese Empire Week 5: Hokkaido and the Japanese Empire Week 6: Karafuto and the Japanese Empire Week 7: Review week Week 8: Collapse of the Japanese Empire Week 9 : Karafuto/Sakhalin and the empire's collapse Week 10: Documentary Week 11: The Occupation and American views of decolonization Week 12: Making the transition from empire to nation Week 13: Post-war legacies of empire (1) Week 14: Post-war legacies of empire (2) Week 15: End of term exam		
Homework	There will be a weekly reading assignment.		
Grading System	Class participation (evaluated by reading assignment tests and reflection comments) 20% Primary source study 40% End of term exam 40%		
Textbooks / Reading List			
Websites			
Website of Laboratory			
Additional Information	Please note that the information in this online syllabus is subject to change. I will provide a full syllabus in the first class.		