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MODERN HISTORY OF DIPLOMATIC AND CULTURAL  
RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE WORLD 2 credits  
(Fall)

近代日本の対外交流史 2単位(秋学期)

Modern History of Diplomatic and Cultural Relations between Japan  
and the World

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**Course Description/Objectives/Teaching Method/Intended Learning  
Outcome:**

The course aims to provide an introductory and comprehensive view of the history of diplomatic and cultural relations between Japan and the World in the latter half of the nineteenth century and the beginning of the twentieth century. A basic knowledge of Japanese history is desirable, but no previous knowledge of this particular subject will be assumed. A small amount of reading will be expected each week.

The course will be a mixture of On-demand and Real-time (Zoom) Online classes throughout the semester. Further details of [On-demand] or [Zoom] classes will be announced at the beginning of the semester. Students are expected to attend the online classes, to submit short assignments from time to time, to choose a research project of their own choosing and hand in a term paper of about 2,500 (~ 3,000) words (the number of words excludes notes and bibliography) by the end of the semester. (The paper should be written in a formal style, with reference notes and a list of bibliography.)

Although optional, students are also encouraged to make a brief presentation during the semester. (Further details will be announced in class.)

The course plan below is a guideline, and the details are subject to change depending on the circumstances. The students are expected to check the announcements made through the class support system of keio.jp, and follow the instructions.

The grading method is also subject to change, depending on the circumstances. Again, please check the announcements in the class support system.

**Course Plan:**

- 1 Introduction [On-demand]
  - 2 Japan and the World before the Opening of Japan
  - 3 The Opening of Japan and the international society in the mid-nineteenth century
  - 4 The First Treaty with the West: Lecture
  - 5 The Analysis of the First Treaty with the West(the US-Japan Treaty of Peace and Amity): Presentation and Discussion [Zoom]
  - 6 Subsequent treaties with the West / Japanese visits abroad and their influence on Japan in the 1860s / The changing attitudes (domestic & diplomatic) of Japan in the Bakumatsu and early Meiji Era
  - 7 The Iwakura Mission (1): Lecture
  - 8 The Iwakura Mission (2): Presentation & Discussion [Zoom]
  - 9 Japan and the World <1870s ~ 1900> (1): Lecture, Presentation & Discussion
  - 10 Japan and the World <1870s ~ 1900> (2): Presentation & Discussion [Zoom]
  - 11 Japan and the World <1870s ~ 1900> (3): Presentation & Discussion [Zoom]
  - 12 Round-up, including Japan and the World <1900 ~ 1930s>: Lecture, Presentation & Discussion [Zoom]
  - 13 Term-paper to be handed in by the end of this class.
- Other Review and Summing up / Make-up class /

**Method of Evaluation:**

Grading Methods :

1. Short assignments during the course. (Details to be announced during class.)
2. Term paper: about 2,500 (~ 3,000) words to be submitted by the end of the semester. (Details to be announced during class.)
3. Attendance & Class Participation: Attendance and participation in discussion are both essential. Making a mini-presentation is strongly desirable.

**Textbooks:**

Printed materials will be distributed online.

**Reference Books:**

A book list will be provided in class online.

**Lecturer's Comments to Students:**

1. The course will be a mixture of On-demand and Real-time (Zoom) Online classes throughout the semester. The contents will be a combination of lecture, individual assignments (short essays or quizzes during the semester and a final paper), and discussion. Students are expected to take an active part in the online discussion. Making a mini-presentation is strongly desirable.
2. Do not come to class unprepared.