

Advanced Study of International Relations (Spring)

Policy Implications of Globalization

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Elective / Specialized Subjects / 2 credits

The objective of this course is to discuss and deepen the understanding of policy implications of economic globalization.

The course will take up specific issues that are relevant to current global economic conditions and policies especially in the Asian context. Students will have the opportunity to study and deepen their knowledge of important issues faced by policy makers in today's globalized world. The class will review developments in the global economy and discuss the challenges imposed on globalization by the recent backlash against free trade. It will explore ways to enhance international cooperation in the coming years.

The emphasis of the course will be placed more on what is happening in the real world and less on theoretical aspects of the issues. Discussions will be made from practical and policy perspectives. Classroom discussions will enable students to familiarize themselves with these issues and to engage in discussions in a more informed and effective manner.

The class is expected to be attended by both Japanese and non-Japanese students with diverse background, which will hopefully promote interesting and intensive discussions on global issues among class participants.

Course Plan:

- No.1 Introductory discussions (Course plans are subject to change)
- No.2 The current state of the global economy
- No.3 Globalization and its policy implications
- No.4 Has Globalization stalled?
- No.5 Globalization and economic development
- No.6 Globalization and investment
- No.7 Globalization and trade
- No.8 Globalization and employment
- No.9 Globalization and poverty
- No.10 Globalization and inequality
- No.11 The future of European integration
- No.12 Regional integration in Asia
- No.13 The United States, China and the World
- No.14 Wrap-up discussions
- Other Wrap-up discussions

Method of Evaluation:

Evaluation will be based on attendance, participation in class discussions, presentations made during the class, and submission of a term paper written in English on a relevant topic to be submitted towards the end of the semester.

Textbooks:

There will be no textbooks. Handouts and/or copies of background material will be distributed from time to time. Students are expected to make presentations on topics assigned to them based on relevant papers and to engage in active class discussions, which are conducted entirely in English.

Lecturer's Comments to Students:

This course will be a combination of lectures and seminar-type class discussions conducted in English. There will be no pre-requisites for this course, but it would be preferable and advisable for students to have strong interest in and basic knowledge of international economics.