

【Course Description】

This course will mainly consider various gender relations of the contemporary Japanese society from sociological and cultural perspectives. During the last few weeks of the semester, this course will explore global issues in gender relations.

【Class Goals】

Students are expected to understand and critically analyze the basic characteristics of gender relations in Japan through the various readings and class discussion. Students will have critical perspectives on "normal" everyday life that initially appears no need for analysis.

【Course Schedule】

- 【第1回】Introduction
- 【第2回】Basic Concepts: Gender, Sex and Sexuality
- 【第3回】Discussion: Intersexed and Transsexuals
- 【第4回】Sexuality
- 【第5回】Discussion: Transsexuals and Transgender
- 【第6回】Gendered Socialization: Parents
- 【第7回】Gendered Socialization: School
- 【第8回】Discussion: Physical Education in School
- 【第9回】Special Class: How to Find Documents for a Short Paper
- 【第10回】Romantic Love
- 【第11回】Discussion: Romantic Love
- 【第12回】Family
- 【第13回】Discussion: Family
- 【第14回】Discussion: Marriage
- 【第15回】Masculinity
- 【第16回】Discussion: Masculinity
- 【第17回】Body and Gender
- 【第18回】Discussion: The Ideal Female Body
- 【第19回】Discussion: The Ideal Male Body
- 【第20回】Gendered Performance
- 【第21回】Discussion: Anime and Gender
- 【第22回】Gender and Paid Work
- 【第23回】Discussion: Job-Level Gender Segregation(1)
- 【第24回】Discussion: Job-Level Gender Segregation (2)
- 【第25回】Gender and Unpaid Work
- 【第26回】Discussion: Single mothers
- 【第27回】Violence against Women
- 【第28回】Discussion: Domestic Violence
- 【第29回】Gender and Politics
- 【第30回】Discussion: How to Increase Women Politicians in Japan?

【Preparation for Class】

You have to finish reading materials assigned in each week.

【Review of Class】

You have to review class handouts and summary of readings.

【Remarks for Class】

For KC students, you are expected to take Introduction to Sociology A or Introduction to Sociology B or Contemporary Japanese Society before taking this class. If you have not taken those classes but are very interested in taking this class, please get consent from Prof. Aiba.

【Texts】

This class will use many readings from various sources.

【Reference Books】

Reading materials except readings will be provided at "It's class" (e-learning system).

【Evaluation Criteria】

Class Participation (40%), Draft of Short Paper(20%), Final Short Paper(40%)

【Notes】