

KC3023 Contemporary Global Issues A

- History and Reconciliation -

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【Course Description】

This course examines politics revolving around historical issues. What is national history? Why can it be a source of political conflict? What is needed to reconcile historical disputes? These questions will be explored through the examination of Asian and European cases.

【Class Goals】

By the end of the course, students are expected to understand politics behind historical disputes and have a vision for reconciliation in Asia.

【Course Schedule】

【第1回】Introduction and Course Overview

【第2回】Politics of History: Chapter 1

【第3回】Case study of Germany (1) Chapter 2 pt.1

【第4回】Case study of Germany (2) Chapter 2 pt.2

【第5回】Case study of Austria (1) Chapter 3 pt.1

【第6回】Case study of Austria (2) Chapter 3 pt.2

【第7回】Case study of Japan (1) Chapter 4 pt.1

【第8回】Case study of Japan (2) Chapter 4 pt.2

【第9回】Case study of Japan (3) Chapter 5 pt.1

【第10回】Case study of Japan (4) Chapter 5 pt.2

【第11回】Review and discussion: Chapter 6

【第12回】Reconciliation

【第13回】Presentation and Discussion: How to Address Japan's History Problem? (1)

【第14回】Presentation and Discussion: How to Address Japan's History Problem? (2)

【第15回】Review and Summary

【Preparation for Class】

Students are expected to read the assigned readings and come prepared for a presentation and discussion each week (approx. 2-4 hours).

【Review of Class】

Students are expected to review readings and write term papers (approx. 2-4 hours).

【Remarks for Class】

The course will be run as a seminar with extensive student participation.

【Texts】

Thomas U. Berger, War, Guilt, and World Politics After the World War II (Boston University, 2013)

【Reference Books】

To be announced in class.

【Evaluation Criteria】

Presentations and discussion 40%

Mid-term paper 30%

Final paper 30%

【Notes】