

KC3023 Contemporary Global Issues A

'- Comparative NPO Studies -

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【Course Description】

This course focuses on learning about

- The civil society models in the U.S. and Japan.
- Developing cross-sector partnerships to strengthen civil society as a tool for addressing ongoing social challenges, particularly following a crisis or natural disaster.

【Class Goals】

Students will develop

- An understanding of the concept of civil society,
- An understanding of the role and function of civil society.
- Skills such as public speaking, problem-solving, critical thinking, and communication
- A more critical understanding of international development and the SDGs.

【Course Schedule】

【第1回】Overview of class outline, Understanding the Concept of Civil Society
Characteristics of civil society, an introduction to stakeholders, different contexts

【第2回】Japan nonprofit sector development, Introduce the group project

【第3回】Readings about Japan nonprofit sector development, (Instructor away)

【第4回】Global civil society, MDGS, SDGs campaigns, confirm the group project

【第5回】Role of different actors: NGO, Corporations and Government

【第6回】Mid-term presentations

【第7回】Overview of diverse approaches used to solve social issues

【第8回】Theme 1 Poverty

【第9回】Theme 2: Hunger

【第10回】Theme 2: Education

【第11回】Theme 3: Health issues

【第12回】Theme 4: Disasters

【第13回】Theme 5: Gender

【第14回】Class presentations

【第15回】Feedback, Wrap up on the importance of individual action

【Preparation for Class】

Weekly Online readings introduce basic skills, techniques, issues and case studies. Links for assignments are on the class site, open to class participants only. Presentation materials will be online only – no paper copies will be distributed after class 1.

【Review of Class】

weekly review and 4 quizzes

【Remarks for Class】

This course will be run in workshop format - including presentation, group discussion, pairwork and simulation activities.

【Texts】

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【Reference Books】

more reference materials will be provided in class.

【Evaluation Criteria】

10% Attendance

30% Active class participation, Regular completion of assignments.

20 % Quizzes based on case studies

15% Midterm presentation and paper (Class 6)

25% Final presentation and paper (Last class)

【Related URL】

Class site URL will be introduced in Class 1

【Notes】