

【Course Aim】

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.

【Contents of Course】

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. KC students are expected to take KC2104 Introduction to Sociology as a prerequisite for this class.

【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】Sports and Gender
- 【第20回】Discussion: Sports and Gender
- 【第21回】Violence Against Women
- 【第22回】Discussion: Violence Against Women
- 【第23回】Employment
- 【第24回】Discussion: Employment
- 【第25回】Globalization and Gender (1)
- 【第26回】Discussion: Migration
- 【第27回】Globalization and Gender (2)
- 【第28回】Discussion: Women's Work
- 【第29回】Film: Ever After
- 【第30回】Final Discussion

【Preparation / Advice】

You have to finish reading materials assigned in each week.
You have to review class handouts and summary of readings.

You are expected to attend every class. Unexcused absence is grounds for failure. If you have to be absent, alert me beforehand. I will determine whether or not your absence can be excused. You are also expected to read assigned readings for each discussion beforehand.

【Texts】

This class will use many readings from various sources.

【Reference】

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

【Grading】

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