

Contemporary Issues in Japan – A Multicultural Approach

Classes are held in the 5th period on Friday in the second 2009 semester. This course provides international students a window of opportunity to understand contemporary Japanese culture and society.

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This course begins with an overview of Japanese society with particular emphasis on the development of social character from the postwar era. It is hoped that an examination of certain patterns that occur in Japanese society (early education, etc.) will shed light on an environment where the dynamics of "tradition" and "change" coexist, upsetting yet renewing, the current social milieu.

キーワード

Japanese culture
Education in Japan
Multicultural
Contemporary
Japanese society
Cultural anthropology

1.1. Confirmation of Words and Terms

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Basic Keywords

It is important to use a range of keywords to broaden or narrow your search. Remember to think about different terms (synonyms) that may prove more effective during the research process.

example	Multicultural, Contemporary, Japanese culture, Society, Tradition, Preschool, Early education, 幼児教育 (youji-kyouiku), 帰国子女(kikoku-shijo), いじめ(ijime), 不登校(hutoukou) ...
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Encyclopedia and Dictionary for overview of topics

title	call number	location
Kodansha encyclopedia of Japan	210.03/K/留学生	International Students' corner of the Central library
Encyclopedia of contemporary Japanese culture	302.1/B/留学生	International Students' corner of the Central library
外国人のためのローマ字英和・和英辞典 = Sanseido's Romaji English-Japanese Japanese-English dictionary	813.19 Sa 辞書コーナー	Dictionaries corner of the Central library (3rd floor)
Encyclopedia of gender and society	R367/Ob	Grad. Sch. of International Development library

More dictionaries and encyclopedias are available at E-book service, which contains virtual libraries (such as the Oxford Reference Online). **These professional dictionaries and encyclopedias are useful for defining terms that come up during the searching process.**

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Find basic books by browsing.

Go to the library and look around the books on the shelf. That is "Browsing". Books in the library are arranged in classified order. Below are listed some classification numbers related to the class. If you go to the central library, you can also refer to the central library guide.

call number	field
210	Japanese history
302.1	Japan's social situation and condition
361.5	Culture, Society, Cultural sociology
372.1	History and conditions of education in Japan
376	Pre-school, Elementary and secondary education

Related fields other than those listed above might be psychology (= **140**), Japanese language (= **810**), Japanese literature (= **910**), and so on. Find your interest by browsing.

Find Books by OPAC.

OPAC (Online catalog) allows access to books in Nagoya University Library.

Enter keywords and find books.

Find Books published in Japan.

Material not available at Nagoya University can be borrowed from libraries of other universities. An inter-library loan service such as this is usually available through your school or department library. See ILL Service Desk List.

http://www.nul.nagoya-u.ac.jp/guide/ILLplace_e.html

NACSIS Webcat is the union catalog database of books and journals held by the libraries of universities and other institutions. You can search other university libraries' holdings here.

Bibliography for the class (by Michelle sensei)

Recommended books by the teacher. Check them !



タイトル **Situated Meaning : Inside and Outside in Japanese Self, Society, and Language**
 著者名 **Jane M. Bachnik**
 ひとこと紹介 **No holdings in NUL, but coming soon in the Central Library. Please wait ...**



タイトル **Japan : an anthropological introduction**
 著者名 **Harumi Befu. , Befu, Harumi(1930-)**
 ひとこと紹介 **Available at the Informatics and Languages library.
 Call no.:389.1/B
 Book ID:50045296**



図書(の章
節)

タイトル **The Anatomy of Dependence**
 著者名 **Takeo Doi [著], translated by John Bester, 土居 健郎
 (1920-), Bester, John.**
 ひとこと紹介 **Two books are available at the Central library (4th floor).
 Call no.: 146.1/D
 Book ID:50021746, 50051194
 Translated version from Japanese**



図書(の章節)

タイトル **An Anthropologist in Japan: Glimpses of Life in the Field**
 著者名 **Joy Hendry**
 ひとこと紹介 **Available at the International Students' Corner*
 (*3rd floor of the Central library)
 Call no.:389.1/H/留学生
 Book ID:41344290**



図書(の章節)

タイトル **Japanese Sense of Self**
 著者名 **Nancy R. Rosenberger**
 ひとこと紹介 **Available at the School of Education library.
 Call no.:143.9/Ros
 Book ID:41052553**



図書(の章節)

タイトル **Preschool in Three Cultures: Japan, China and the United States**
 著者名 **Joseph J. Tobin, David Wu, and Dana H. Davidson**
 ひとこと紹介 **Available at the first floor of the Central library.
 Call no.:376.1/T
 Book ID:41099567**



図書(の章節)

タイトル **The Japanese Educational Challenge: A Commitment to Children**
 著者名 **Merry White. , White, Merry I(1941-)**
 ひとこと紹介 **Available at the School of Education library.
 Call no.:372.1/Whi
 Book ID:40939048**



図書(の章節)

タイトル The Material Child: Coming of Age in Japan and America
 著者名 Merry White
 ひとつこと紹介 No holdings in NUL, but coming soon in the Central Library. Please wait ...
 Japanese translated version is available at the Central library.
 マテリアル・チャイルド
 Placement:3rd floor
 Call no.:367.6/W
 Book ID:11137201



図書(の章節)

タイトル Perfectly Japanese: Making Families in an Era of Upheaval
 著者名 Merry White
 ひとつこと紹介 No holdings in NUL, but coming soon in the Central Library. Please wait ...

Other related books

Here lists some related books.



図書(の章節)

タイトル Encyclopedia of Japanese Pop Culture
 著者名 Mark Shilling
 "an encyclopedic compendium of books, movies, music, comedians, and cultural scandals that have had the greatest impact in Japan"(Amazon.co.jp)
 ひとつこと紹介 Available at Informatics and Languages library
 302.1/Sch



図書(の章節)

タイトル Years of trial : Japan in the 1990s
 著者名 Masuzoe Yoichi
 Edited by Masuzoe Yoichi; a famous statesman in Japan, this is a selection of essays, most of which appeared in Japan Echo magazine between 1990 and 1999.
 ひとつこと紹介 Available at the Informatics and Languages library
 302.1/M
 Book ID:41261107



図書(の章節)

タイトル Educating Hearts and Minds: Reflections on Japanese Preschool and Elementary Education
 著者名 Catherine C. Lewis
 ひとつこと紹介 Available at the first floor of the Central library
 376.1/L



図書(の章節)

タイトル Understanding Japanese Society
 著者名 Joy Hendry
 2nd edition available at GSID(Graduate School of International Development) library.
 ひとつこと紹介 302.1/H
 Book ID:41136918



タイトル 日本事情ハンドブック

著者名 水谷修I[[ほか]編, 水谷I修(1932-)

ひとこと紹介 Useful reference book on Japanese current condition with keywords, but written in Japanese.

Available at the 3rd floor of the Central library.
302.1/Mi

3.3. Find Newspapers, Journals, and Magazines

For current social events, try searching newspapers and journals. In addition to scholarly journals, popular journals also publish special issues on various topics. Journal articles provide information on research and social relationships as well as general interest topics.

Newspapers

ProQuest Newspapers (on-campus access)

ProQuest provides electronic access to over 400 newspapers throughout the world, (such as The New York Times).

- You can access these newspapers from computers on the campus network. Try reading and searching for the full text of newspaper articles related to a particular topic.

You can also read some overseas newspapers in print on the 2nd floor of the Central library.

Journals and Magazines

Popular journals can be found in the Journals Browsing Room on the 3rd floor of the Central library.

Scholarly journals are often located in the departmental libraries. Search OPAC to find the correct location.

Electronic journals are also available at Nagoya University E-journals access service.



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タイトル

Highlighting Japan

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URL

http://sfx.nul.nagoya-u.ac.jp/nagoya?url_ver=Z39.88-2004&url_ctx_fmt=infofi/fmt:kev:mtx:ctx&ctx_enc=info:ofi/enc:UTF-8&ctx_ver=Z39.88-2004&rft_id=info:sid/sfxit.com:azlist&sfx.ignore_date_threshold=1&rft.object_id=100000000389358&svc.fulltext=yes

ひとこと紹介

Online magazines published by the Japanese Government, to help people around the world better understand Japan today...(Public Relations Office, Government of Japan)

4.4. Preparation for Writing and for Presentation

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図書(の章
節)

タイトル The elements of style
著者名 Strunk and White
リンク先
URL <http://www.bartleby.com/141/>

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紹介

"No book in shorter space, with fewer words, will help any writer more than this persistent little volume"(The Boston Globe)
This 4th edition (c2000) is available at the Informatics and Languages library 836/St
3rd ed.(c1979) is available at the Informatics and Languages library and at the 4th floor of the Central library 836/St



図書(の章
節)

タイトル Research Methodology: A Step-by-Step Guide for Beginners
著者名 Ranjit Kumar

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紹介

This essential textbook is designed for anyone new to research and planning to undertake a research project.(Amazon.co.jp)
Available at the Informatics and Languages library 002.7/K
Book ID:41396537



図書(の章
節)

タイトル Writing Research Papers: A Complete Guide
著者名 James D. Lester
ひとこと紹介 Available at Informatics and Languages library 836/L
Book ID:50087374



図書(の章
節)

タイトル Doing Honest Work In College: How To Prepare Citations, Avoid Plagiarism, And Achieve Real Academic Success
著者名 Charles Lipson
ひとこと紹介 "... it gives students useful strategies for citing both published and Web-based work correctly,..."(Back cover)
Available at Informatics and Languages library 002.7/L
Book ID:41445662



タイトル **Statistical handbook of Japan**
著者名 総務省統計局, 総務庁統計局, 総理府統計局
ひとこと紹介 Available at the reference books corner of the Central library.
351/St



タイトル 日本統計年鑑 / 統計委員会事務局, 総理府統計局 [編] = **Japan statistical year-book**
著者名 統計委員会, 統計委員会, 総理府統計局, 総務庁統計局, 総務省統計局・統計研修所
ひとこと紹介 Available at the reference books corner of the Central library.
351/N

5.5. Next Step: Find more professional information.

Useful databases

Thematic databases enable a deeper research. Try searching if you are interested in professional research.

More information about the databases, please connect to each URL below.

database	main subject	url
PsycINFO	Behavioral science and mental health	http://www.nul.nagoya-u.ac.jp/db/index.html#zinbun
ERIC	Education	http://www.nul.nagoya-u.ac.jp/db/index.html#shakai
Web of Science	All subjects (Humanities, etc.)	http://www.nul.nagoya-u.ac.jp/db/DBannai/dbwok.html

Other databases are available at the [Databases index list](#) of the [University library website](#).

If you have technical problems or questions on your research process, please feel free to ask the neighbor librarian.