

1 Course Title : A Social History of Post-war Japan 2011 Fall Term
2 Sub Title : 戦後日本の社会史
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4 Course Description : More than a half-century has elapsed since the end of the Pacific War. For most university students, this war is part of a distant past and references to prewar and postwar carry no special significance. In contrast, for those old enough to have experienced the Pacific War or its immediate aftermath, the terms prewar and postwar are very evocative and are part of the historical consciousness of many Japanese. This course attempts to answer three basic questions: 1) why is a distinction made between prewar and postwar Japan; 2) how was Japan changed by the Pacific War; 3) what has changed in the fifty-plus years the end of the war. To give students additional perspective on the Japanese experience, the course will make occasional comparisons with the United Kingdom.
5 Text Books : There is no text book as such. Appropriate readings will be introduced in the lectures and made available through the web site maintained by the instructor.
6 Reference Books : SUGIMOTO Yoshio, <i>An Introduction to Japanese Society</i> (Cambridge University Press, 2002). Other items will be introduced in lecture.
7 Course Plan Per Week(Total 15 Weeks) : 1 Introduction to the course - themes and issues 2 The uniquely unique Japanese (1) - from the outside looking in 3 The uniquely unique Japanese (2) - from the inside looking out 4 Postwar recovery - Japan during the reign of Douglas MacArthur 5 Income doubling and then some - social change on the road to becoming an economic super power 6 The 1980s bubble and its bust - one lost decade going on two 7 Japan's no longer bulging middle - class and ideology in postwar Japan

8 Labor pains - where have all the babies gone? 9 The examination hell frozen over - demographic change and college education in postwar Japan 10 Still more labor pains - where have all the good jobs gone? 11 Foreign Japan - immigrant labor and international marriage 12 Farming Japan - where have all the farmers gone? 13 Feminine Japan - three steps behind or stepping out? 14 Electronic Japan - Electronics, IT, and social change in Japan 15 Robotic Japan - Robots in the workplace, robots in the imagination
8 Message To Those Taking This Course :
9 Grading Methods : 1. Exam (end of term examination, 50%) 2. Reports (short paper on topic chosen by students, 50%) The weighting of the examination and short paper may be adjusted to suit student needs, especially in the case of foreign students and those engaged in job seeking.