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**Political Science 218J/318J**  
**Japanese Politics and International Relations**  
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Course Description

Advanced undergraduate / graduate seminar examining the domestic politics, political economy, and international relations of contemporary Japan. The role of political parties, the bureaucracy, and private actors. Economic development and challenges. Relations with the United States and East Asia. Undergraduate students should enroll in 218J. Graduate students should enroll in 318J.

Course Requirements

**In-Class Participation** (35%): You should come to class prepared to actively discuss the readings for the session.

**Online Participation** (15%): Each student is required to make one original post and one reply to the online bulletin board on the coursework website. The original post should demonstrate clear engagement with the readings for the week. The original post is due at 5 p.m. the day before class. The reply is due before the beginning of class and should preferably be posted by Monday night so others have a chance to review the postings before class.

**Final Paper** (50%): A 20 page research paper (4000-6000 words) related to the class material (Due: June 10).

General Policies

Active participation in class discussions is required – absences must be cleared prior to the session with the instructors. Unexcused absences will result in a half letter grade reduction in the student's final grade (e.g., A → A-, etc.). Late assignments will be penalized by half a letter grade each day the assignment is late.

Prerequisites

There are no formal prerequisites, though prior coursework in political science is advised.

## Readings

Readings will be made available on Coursework.

## **Overview of Topics**

**Week 1 (4/2) Introduction / Overview**

**Week 2 (4/9) Modernization: From the Meiji Restoration to World War II**

**Week 3 (4/16) The 1955 System**

**Week 4 (4/23) Rapid Economic Growth**

**Week 5 (4/30) The Bubble and Financial Crisis**

**Week 6 (5/7) Political Transformation After the Crisis**

**Week 7 (5/14) Economic Transformation After the Crisis**

**Week 8 (5/21) Responding to Globalization**

**Week 9 (5/28) Energy Policy, Climate Change, and Fukushima**

**Week 10 (6/4) International Security and Foreign Policy**

**6/10** Final Paper Due at 5pm

### **Students with Documented Disabilities:**

Students who may need an academic accommodation based on the impact of a disability must initiate the request with the Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC) located within the Office of Accessible Education (OAE). SDRC staff will evaluate the request with required documentation, recommend reasonable accommodations, and prepare an Accommodation Letter for faculty dated in the current quarter in which the request is being made. Students should contact the SDRC as soon as possible since timely notice is needed to coordinate accommodations. The OAE is located at 563 Salvatierra Walk, phone (650) 723-1066.

## **Week 1: Introduction & Overview**

## **Week 2: Modernization: From the Meiji Restoration to World War II**

Flath, David. 2005. "The Japanese Economy." In. Oxford, England ; New York: Oxford University Press. 21-37, 43-66

Gerschenkron, A. 1962. *Economic Backwardness in Historical Perspective*, Cambridge: Harvard University Press. pg. 5-30.

Pyle, Kenneth B. *Japan Rising*, New York: Public Affairs, "The World Japan Entered."

Ramseyer, J. Mark, and Frances McCall Rosenbluth. 1995. *The Politics of Oligarchy: Institutional Choice in Imperial Japan*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Chapter 1: Introduction.

Samuels, Richard J. 1994. *Rich Nation, Strong Army: National Security and the Technological Transformation of Japan*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, Chapter 2: The Ideological Basis of Japanese Technonationalism.

Noguchi, Yukio. 1998. "The 1940 system: Japan under the wartime economy." *American Economic Review*: 404-407.

John Walter LaFeber. 1997. *The Clash: US-Japan Relations Throughout History*. New York: W.W. Norton, Chapter 9 "To Create a New Japan: Reforming, Reversing, and Warring."

Ouchi, Tsutomu. 1966. "Japanese Land Reform: Its Efficacy and Limitations." *Developing Economies* 4 (2):129-50.

## **Week 3: The 1955 System**

Stockwin, J. A. A. 2008. *Governing Japan : divided politics in a resurgent economy*. 4th ed. Malden, MA: Blackwell Pub. (113-131)

Krauss, Ellis S., and Robert Pekkanen. 2011. *The rise and fall of Japan's LDP : political party organizations as historical institutions*. Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press. [Introduction]

Pempel, T. J. 1998. *Regime shift : comparative dynamics of the Japanese political economy*, Cornell studies in political economy. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press. Chapters 2 (42-80)

Johnson, Chalmers. 1986. "Tanaka Kakuei, Structural Corruption, and the Advent of Machine Politics in Japan." *Journal of Japanese Studies* no. 12 (1):1-28.

Reed, Steven R. 1991. "Structure and Behaviour: Extending Duverger's Law to the Japanese Case." *British Journal of Political Science* 29:335-56.

Cox, Gary W., and Michael F. Thies. 1998. "The Cost of Intraparty Competition: The Single Nontransferable Vote and Money Politics in Japan." *Comparative Political Studies* 31 (3):267-91.

Ramseyer, J. Mark, and Eric B. Rasmusen. 2001. "Why Are Japanese Judges so Conservative in Politically Charged Cases?" *American Political Science Review* 95 (2):331-44.

Weiner, Tim. 2007. *Legacy of Ashes: The History of the CIA*. New York: Doubleday, Chapter 12 "We Ran It a Different Way."

#### **Week 4: Rapid Economic Growth**

Johnson, Chalmers. 1982. *MITI and the Japanese Miracle: The Growth of Industrial Policy, 1925-1975*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press. 1-82

Okimoto, Daniel I., and Thomas P. Rohlen. 1988. *Inside the Japanese system : readings on contemporary society and political economy*. Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press. Chapters 43, 47

Tyson, Laura, and John Zysman. "Developmental Strategy and Production Innovation in Japan." in Johnson, Tyson, and Zysman ed., *Politics and productivity: how Japan's development strategy works*. New York: Harper Business (1989). 81-130

Masahiko Aoki, "Unintended Fit: Organizational Evolution and Government Design of Institutions in Japan," in Aoki et al eds. *The Role of Government in East Asian Economic Development* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996), pp. 233-253.

Ramseyer, J. Mark, and Frances McCall Rosenbluth. 1993. *Japan's political marketplace*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press.(99-120)

Woodall, Brian. 1996. *Japan under construction : corruption, politics, and public works*. Berkeley, Calif.: University of California Press. (1-23)

Campbell, John Creighton, and Ethan Scheiner. 2008. "Review Essay Fragmentation and Power: Reconceptualizing Policy Making under Japan's 1955 System." *Japanese Journal of Political Science* no. 9 (1):89-113.

#### **Week 5: The Bubble and Financial Crisis**

Takeo Hoshi and Anil K Kashyap. 2004. "Japan's Financial Crisis and Economic Stagnation." *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 18 (1): 3-26.

Richard Koo. 2009. *The Holy Grail of Macroeconomics: Lessons from Japan's Great Recession*, pp.1-37.

Ben Bernanke. 2000. "Japanese Monetary Policy: A Case of Self-Induced Paralysis?" in Adam S. Posen and Ryoichi Mikitani eds. *Japan's Financial Crisis and Its Parallels to U.S. Experience*. Washington: Institute for International Economics.

William Grimes. 2001. "Introduction: A Miracle Unmade" and "Organizational Conflict" in *Unmaking the Japanese Miracle: Macroeconomic Politics, 1985-2000*. Cornell: Cornell University Press.

Jennifer Amyx. 2001. "Informality and Institutional Inertia: The Case of Japanese Financial Regulation" *Japanese Journal of Political Science*, pp. 47-66.

Phillip Y. Lipsey and Hirofumi Takinami. 2013. "First-Mover Disadvantage: The Politics of Financial Crisis Response in Japan and the United States," *Japanese Journal of Political Science*.

Richard Katz. 2003. *Japanese Phoenix*, pg. 25-39.

Frances McCall Rosenbluth and Michael F. Thies. 2010. "Chapter 5: Japan's Postwar Economy" in *Japan Transformed: Political Change and Economic Restructuring*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

## **Week 6: Political Transformation After the Crisis**

Ozawa, Ichirō, Louisa Rubinfien, and Eric Gower. 1994. *Blueprint for a new Japan: The rethinking of a nation*. 1st ed. Tokyo ; New York: Kodansha International. (46-75)

Cox, Gary W., Frances M. Rosenbluth, and Michael F. Thies. 1999. "Electoral Reform and the Fate of Factions: The Case of Japan's Liberal Democratic Party." *British Journal of Political Science* 29 (1):33-56.

Horiuchi, Yusaku, and Jun Saito. 2003. "Reapportionment and Redistribution: Consequences of Electoral Reform in Japan." *American Journal of Political Science* 47 (4):669-82.

Kabashima, Ikuo, and Gill Steel. 2011. *Changing politics in Japan*. Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press. Chapter 4

Pempel, T.J. 2010. "Between Pork and Productivity: The Collapse of the Liberal Democratic Party." *Journal of Japanese Studies* no. 36 (2):227-254.

Noble, Gregory W. 2010. "The Decline of Particularism in Japanese Politics." *Journal of East Asian Studies* no. 10:239-273.

Kushida, Kenji E., and Phillip Y. Lipsky. 2013. "The Rise and Fall of the Democratic Party of Japan." In *Japan Under the DPJ: The Politics of Transition and Governance*, edited by Kenji E. Kushida and Phillip Y. Lipsky. Stanford: Brookings/APARC.

### **Week 7: Economic Transformation After the Crisis**

Schaede, Ulrike. 2008. *Choose and focus : Japanese business strategies for the 21st century*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press. Chapters 1, 2, 12 [1-46, 253-260]

Vogel, Steven K. 2006. *Japan Remodeled: How Government and Industry are Reforming Japanese Capitalism*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press. Chapter 7 "Japan's New Model" [205-224], Chapter 1, [2-21] (in that order)

Ricardo J. Caballero & Takeo Hoshi & Anil K. Kashyap, 2008. "Zombie Lending and Depressed Restructuring in Japan," *American Economic Review* 98(5), pg. 1943-77.

Aoki, Masahiko, Gregory Jackson, and Hideaki Miyajima. 2007. *Corporate governance in Japan*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press. Chapter 1, [1-47]

Schoppa, Leonard J. 2006. *Race for the exits : the unraveling of Japan's system of social protection*. Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press. Introduction.

Kushida, Kenji E., and Kay Shimizu. 2013 "Introduction." In *Syncretism: Corporate Restructuring and Political Change in Japan*, edited by Kenji E. Kushida, Jean Oi, and Kay Shimizu. Stanford, CA: APARC/Brookings.

### **Week 8: Responding to Globalization**

Borras, Michael, Dieter Ernst, and Stephan Haggard. *International Production Networks in Asia Rivalry or Riches?* Routledge Advances in Asia-Pacific Business ; 11. London New York: Routledge, 2000. (intro, 1-24), 195-222

Kushida, Kenji E. 2011. "Leading Without Followers: How Politics and Market Dynamics Trapped Innovations in Japan's Domestic "Galapagos" Telecommunications Sector." *Journal of Industry, Competition and Trade* no. 11 (3):279-307. doi: 10.1007/s10842-011-0106-5.

Estévez-Abe, Margarita. 2008. *Welfare and Capitalism in Postwar Japan*. Cambridge: New York: Cambridge University Press, section TBA

Megumi Naoi and Ikuo Kume. 2011. "Explaining Mass Support for Agricultural Protectionism: Evidence from a Survey Experiment During the Global Recession," pp.771-795, *International Organization*, Vol.65, No.4.

Arata Kuno and Megumi Naoi. "Framing Business Interests: How Campaigns Affect Firms' Positions on Preferential Trade Agreements." Working Paper, UCSD.

Christina Davis and Yuki Shirato. 2007. "Firms, Governments, and WTO Adjudication: Japan's Selection of WTO Disputes." *World Politics* (January): 274-313.

### **Week 9: Energy Policy, Climate Change, and Fukushima**

Peter Katzenstein. 1977. "Introduction: Domestic and International Forces of Foreign Economic Policy." *International Organization* Vol. 31, No. 4, pp. 587-606.

G. John Ikenberry. "The Irony of State Strength: Comparative Responses to the Oil Shocks in the 1970s," *International Organization* Vol. 40, No. 1, (1986), pp. 105-137.

Llewelyn Hughes. 2012. "Climate Converts: Institutional Redeployment and Public Investment in Energy and Environment in Japan," *Journal of East Asian Studies* Vol. 12, No.1, pp. 89-118.

Lipsy, Phillip Y. 2012. "Casualty of Political Transformation?: The Politics of Energy Efficiency in the Japanese Transportation Sector." *Journal of East Asian Studies* Vol. 12, No.1, pp. 89-118.

*The Economist*. 2012. "Matsutaro Shoriki: Japan's Citizen Kane." December 22.

Daniel Aldrich. 2008. *Site Fights: Divisive Facilities and Civil Society in Japan and the West*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, pp. 119-151.

Jacques E.C. Hymans. 2011. "Veto Players, Nuclear Energy, and Nonproliferation: Domestic Institutional Barriers to a Japanese Bomb." *International Security* 36 (2): 154-189.

Kushida, Kenji E. "Japan's Fukushima Nuclear Disaster: Narrative, Analysis, and Recommendations." In, Shorenstein APARC Working Paper Series no. June (2012). [http://iis-db.stanford.edu/pubs/23762/2012Jun26\\_FukushimaReport\\_draft.pdf](http://iis-db.stanford.edu/pubs/23762/2012Jun26_FukushimaReport_draft.pdf).

### **Week 10: International Security and Foreign Policy**

Michael Green. 2003. *Japan's Reluctant Realism*. New York: Palgrave, "Introduction."

Peter Katzenstein. 1996. *Cultural Norms and National Security*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, "Japanese Security."

Richard Samuels. 2007. "'New Fighting Power!': Japan's Growing Maritime Capabilities and East Asian Security" *International Security* Vol. 32, No. 3 Winter, pp. 84-112.

Amy Catalinac. 2012. "Pork to Policy: The Rise of National Security in Elections in Japan." Working Paper, ANU.

Gerald Curtis. 2013. "Japan's Cautious Hawks: Why Tokyo Is Unlikely to Pursue an Aggressive Foreign Policy." *Foreign Affairs* March/April.

Saadia M. Pekkanen and Paul Kallender-Umezu. 2010. *In Defense of Japan: From the Market to the Military in Space Policy*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, Chapter 7 "In Defense of Japan."

Christina Davis and Sophie Meunier. 2011. "Business as Usual? Economic Responses to Political Tensions." *American Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 55, no. 3: pp. 628-646.

Phillip Y. Lipsey. 2008. "Japan's Shifting Role in International Organizations." in Masaru Kohno and Frances Rosenbluth, eds. *Japan and the World: Japan's Contemporary Geopolitical Challenges*. New Haven: Yale Council on East Asian Studies.

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