COURSE DETAIL

MODERNITY IN INTERWAR JAPAN
Country Japan
Host Institution Keio University
Program(s) Keio University
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Sociology History
UCEAP Course Number 107
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title MODERNITY IN INTERWAR JAPAN
UCEAP Transcript Title MODER INTRWAR JAPAN
UCEAP Quarter Units 3.00
UCEAP Semester Units 2.00

Course Description

While the history of Japan as a modern nation begins in the Meiji era, much of what we recognize as typical of 'modern life' in Japan begins in the Taisho period, or more generally in the 'interwar' period which extends into the early years of the Showa era. This course examines several aspects of this new 'modern life' with particular attention given to the new social roles, new gender roles, new lifestyles, and new forms of culture that emerged among the new middle class.

This course will be conducted as a seminar, but short 'mini lectures' will be given from time to time on several of these topics. Our main text will be 'House and Home in Modern Japan' by Jordon Sand; this book will serve as the basis for weekly class discussions. In addition, students will be assigned a book (on reserve in the library) to summarize (in small groups) in the form of a group presentation. Finally, students will be asked to produce an essay, based either on a topic related to our main textbook, or a topic related to the book they have been asked to summarize.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
N/A

Host Institution Course Title
GENDER, CULTURE AND MODERNITY IN INTERWAR JAPAN

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Host Institution Campus
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