COURSE DETAIL

ISSUES IN JAPANESE CULTURE
Country Japan
Host Institution Doshisha University
Program(s) Japanese in Kyoto
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Sociology Asian Studies
UCEAP Course Number 107
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title ISSUES IN JAPANESE CULTURE
UCEAP Transcript Title ISSUES IN JPN CULTR
UCEAP Quarter Units 3.00
UCEAP Semester Units 2.00

Course Description

How can Japanese culture be better known across the world? This simple question lies at the heart of many Japanese governmental policies, local revitalization efforts, tourism initiatives, and artistic projects. In particular, the goal of preserving Japanese traditions through global transmission — and to encourage other nations to similarly preserve their own traditions — often guides foreign policy discussions. But why is this goal so prevalent today, and what ways of thinking about culture does it encourage? Who decides what is defined as ‘Japanese culture’, or which traditions should be transmitted? This course discusses common understandings (and countercultural re-imaginings) of tradition in contemporary Japanese culture. The course explores media texts that both decry and extol the potential for global exchange to alter tradition and classes focus particularly on the political implications of rhetoric used to talk about the spread of culture today. Through class discussion and independent projects, the course re-thinks common ideas about culture and its global spread.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
N/A

Host Institution Course Title
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Host Institution Course Details
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Host Institution Campus
Doshisha University

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Global Education Module, Center for Global Education and Japanese Studies

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