COURSE DETAIL

PUBLIC OPINION
Country Japan
Host Institution International Christian University
Program(s) International Christian University
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Political Science
UCEAP Course Number 122
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title PUBLIC OPINION
UCEAP Transcript Title PUBLIC OPINION
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.00
UCEAP Semester Units 2.70

Course Description

This class seeks to understand public opinion: how Japanese and Americans think -- about themselves, their politics and the world -- and how those attitudes, collectively expressed, influence electoral and policy outcomes. It is organized into three parts. The first poses four questions about the concept and meaning of “public opinion", examined from Euro-American and Confucian-Japanese perspectives, and looks at theories that seek to explain how the public processes information; arrives at judgments and expresses themselves. The second part examines how public opinion is measured, emphasizing how individuals respond (and do not) to surveys as well as discussing how to critically evaluate poll-related information in the media. The final part examines public opinion on domestic and international affairs, allowing the class to compare Japanese and American self- and other-images: patriotism, nationalism and immigration; postures toward security policy and China; social values and trust; and attitudes toward democracy.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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