COURSE DETAIL

IDENTITY POLITICS
Country Japan
Host Institution Doshisha University
Program(s) Japanese in Kyoto
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Women’s & Gender Studies Sociology
UCEAP Course Number 110
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title IDENTITY POLITICS
UCEAP Transcript Title IDENTITY POLITICS
UCEAP Quarter Units 3.00
UCEAP Semester Units 2.00

Course Description

The world faces a variety of identity-based politics that are considered a cause of social divisions today. Ongoing globalization—the process of human movements, networking, and intensifying interconnectivity—has facilitated various interactions, often causing disparities, conflicts, and injustices. At globalization hubs, racially and culturally diversifying populations experienced geographically uneven social transformation. Sometimes, people form “identity” to create “others” as an enemy, and other times, they do so to become “we” to achieve a common goal.

This course pays special attention to women’s experiences in the United States, a nation known for the diversity of its population. Hoisting the banner of freedom, democracy, and capitalism, the United States engaged in settler colonialism and imperialism through the nineteenth century to lead in shaping the world order and globalization process. The course examines major historical events in their respective socio-historical contexts. By taking local, national, and transnational perspectives, the course explores the complex workings of gender, class, race/ethnicity, ideology, sex, age, etc., in women’s collective power-building and analyze how they affected their identities and society. The course discusses similarities and differences among American, Japanese, and/or societies of class interest, pursuing lessons to be learned from American examples and how this knowledge can better communities today.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
N/A

Host Institution Course Title
THE DIVISIONS OF IDENTITY IN SOCIETY

Host Institution Course Details
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Host Institution Campus Doshisha University
Host Institution Faculty
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Host Institution Department Global Education Module, Center for Global Education and Japanese Studies
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