

Course title: Japan and East Asian Regional Environmental Issues (tentative)

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Brief Course Description

This course aims to provide students with basic understanding of global and regional environmental politics while focusing on Japan's approach to environmental and sustainability-related issues in East Asia. The perspectives of international relations will be utilized while analyzing the actors and the recent regimes of global environmental issues in East Asia. After brief introduction about the politics of global environmental issues, Japan's stance vis a vis the recent global and regional environmental regimes will be scrutinized through comparative case studies, group discussions and group projects. Kyoto has an important place within the history of environmental change agenda since the first global climate regime (Kyoto Protocol) was initiated in Kyoto in 1997. Then there will be field trips to important governmental institutions, Kyoto-based companies, and civil society initiatives to understand and analyze the position of Kyoto within the recent agenda of environmental change.

Course Objectives

Students are expected to advance their understanding on the scope and discourses of global and regional environmental politics while having a rather critical approach on the recent discussions on various issues of the global environmental change. They are also expected to raise their awareness about regional peculiarities and potentials on how to cope with the changing agenda of environmental and sustainability-related issues.

Reading materials (tentative):

Conca, K. and G. Dabelko (eds.). 2020. *Green Planet Blues: Critical Perspectives on Global Environmental Politics*. Oxon: Routledge, 6th ed. ISBN: 978-0813350936.

Kütting, G. and K. Herman (eds.). 2018. *Global Environmental Politics*. New York: Routledge, 2nd ed. ISBN: 978-1138895355.

Further readings (tentative):

Clapp, J. and P. Dauvergne. 2011. *Paths to a Green World: The Political Economy of the Global Environment*, Cambridge: MIT Press, 2nd ed. ISBN: 978-0262515825.

Morin, J., A. Orsini, and S. Jinnah. 2020. *Global Environmental Politics: Understanding the Governance of the Earth*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. ISBN: 978-0198826088.