Theories and Issues in Contemporary Japanese Politics

Wednesday 14:00-17:00

Overview (March 4)

1. Introduction

Historical Overview

1. Review of 1955 system (March 11)
2. Transformation of Japanese politics in the 1990s and after (March 18)
3. DPJ Politics and Backlash Against It (March 25)

Politics under Abe

1. Abe’s Initiative: Centralization of Power (April 1)
2. Abe’s Initiative: Global Diplomacy and Active Defense (April 8)
3. Abe’s Initiative: Economic and Social Reform (April 22)

Issues and Perspective

1. Trends in Electoral Outcomes (April 29)
2. LDP-Komeito Coalition (May 6)
3. Study on Rightwing Movement (May 13)
4. Power Contenders in the LDP (May 20)
5. Debating Constitutional Revision: Security Laws and Beyond (May 27)
6. US and Indo-Pacific Strategy ((June 3)
7. Handling Asia Differently (June 10)
8. Final Paper (June 17)