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Course Schedule Information

Course Code	881188
Semester	Fall and Winter Term
Day and Period	Mon5
Course Name (Japanese)	中東の法と社会
Course Name	Law and Society in the Middle East
Capacity	0
Room	Graduate School of Law and Graduate School of Economics/Lecture Building Room2
Course Numbering Code	88INES9U100
Required/Optional	
Type of Class	Lecture Subject
Credits	2.0
Student Year	1,2,3,4,5,6
Instructor	Elbalti Beligh
Course of Media Class	Not Applicable

※About Course of Media Class

"Course of Media Class" are classes in which more than half of the classes are held in places other than classrooms by making advanced use of various media.

Undergraduate students can include up to 60 credits in media class course as requirements for graduation.

Even if this is not the case, we may hold classes using the media.

Detailed Syllabus Information

Course Subtitle	Law and Society in the Middle East	
Language of the Course	English	
Learning Methods	Listening and watching face-to-face/online class: Listening and watching a lecture, video, or demonstration, face-to-face or via online (e.g., attending a face-to-face lecture, watching an on-demand video) Reading: Reading books and academic papers (e.g., summarizing an academic paper, reading information on a website) Discussion: Learning through question-and-answer interactions and exchanges of opinions among students and between students and the instructor (e.g., pair/group discussion, online chat, one-on-one guidance for writing an academic paper)	
Course Objectives	Middle Eastern countries have been witnessing extraordinary developments in their legal systems. Many countries are active actors in global developments and have become one of the world's leading financial and trade centers and/or preferred destinations for business, work, or tourism. On the other hand, Middle Eastern countries remain very "traditional" especially when it comes to issues relating to family law, women's and children's rights, fundamental freedoms etc. despite the various legal reforms that have taken place. This course aims to put all these developments into perspective and initiate students to the fascinating world of the Middle East. This course puts all these developments into perspective and initiates students to the fantastic world of the Middle East with all its complexities...and contradictions.	
Learning Goals	1	Upon completion of this course, students will be expected to gain basic knowledge about the legal systems in the Middle East, their characteristics, as well as a general understanding of some hot issues in the region from the point of view of the interaction between Islamic law and modern law. Especially, students : 1. Understand the diversity of the legal systems in the Middle East and their characteristics

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	3 To be able to provide a personal assessment of various legal issues involving the Middle East																																											
Requirements, Prerequisites	There are no requisites for this course except interest and willing to learn. However, good English language skills are necessary to be able to follow the lectures and take part in the discussions.																																											
Attendance and Student Conduct Policy	Attendance is mandatory unless excused. Details will be provided in class.																																											
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	10th	Title: Private Law in the Middle East					
		Undersrand some peculiar aspects of private law in the Middle East					
		Instructor :					
		Independent Study Outside of Class : relevant reading materials that will be explained in class					
	11th	Title:Family Law in the Middle East					
		Understand some issues relating family law regulation in the Middle East					
		Instructor :					
		Independent Study Outside of Class : relevant reading materials that will be explained in class					
	12th	Title:Law and Children					
		Understand some issues relating to children and their rights in the Middle East					
		Instructor :					
		Independent Study Outside of Class : relevant reading materials that will be explained in class					
	13th	Title:Private International Law (I)					
		Understand international private relationships are regulated in the Middle East					
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	14th	Title:Private International Law (II)					
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15th	Title:General Conclusion and Instructions for the Term Exam						
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	Instructor :						
	Independent Study Outside of Class : N/A						
Textbooks		None in particular. Necessary materials will be provided by the lecturer.					
Reference		to be indicated in class					
Grading Policy *Hover the mouse over the number of a learning goal to view the full text of it.		Evaluation Methods	Report/paper	Learning engagement			
		Learning Goals1	○	○			
		Learning Goals2	○	○			
		Learning Goals3	○	○			
		Allocation of Marks	70%	30%			
Additional Information on Grading		Final report 70%, Class participation (including regular attendance, participation and contributions to the discussions, attitudes during class, etc.) 30%.					
Reasonable Accommodation		• If you need reasonable accommodation to participate in this class due to disability (including intractable disease and chronic condition), please contact the office for students with disabilities (e.g., Educational Affairs Section, Academic Affairs Section, Student Affairs Section) at your school/faculty or graduate school, or the Disability Advisory and Support Service Office of the Health and Counseling Center. • For more information, please visit the following website or contact the Disability Advisory and Support Service Office of the Health and Counseling Center. Website : https://acs.hacc.osaka-u.ac.jp					

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Special Note	Special needs and necessities of the students will be taken into consideration during the lectures. Students are encouraged to discuss with the instructor when necessary.
Office Hours	Reservation by email at any time
Course Conducted by Instructors with Practical Experience	

Instructor(s)

Instructor Name	Name (hiragana)	Affiliation, Title, Course	Office	Extension	E-mail
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Cautions for Students

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