

International Collaborative Courses

国際共同実施科目



The Asian Platform for
Global Sustainability &
Transcultural Studies

Graduate School of Economics
Kyoto University

2025 Autumn/Winter

Comparative Development Studies A

【Code: A921000】 Credit: 1

Instructor: Dr. Hugh Campbell
Professor, University of Otago

Date: October 21 (Tue), 24 (Fri), 28 (Tue), and 31 (Fri) 9:00 – 12:00
Venue: Seminar Room 103, Faculty of Law/Economics East Building
Coordinator: Prof. Shuji Hisano



This course provides an opportunity to explore some of our most compelling current global crises through the lens of classical social theory. There is abundant evidence of a world currently sliding into a state of ‘polycrisis’, and this course will examine the origins of, and political responses to, these crises by exploring some key ideas from notable social theorists of the 19th and 20th centuries. The course will explore how a key set of crises are symptomatic of what some theorists call ‘Late-Stage Capitalism’ in which: economic inequalities, environmental crises and a legitimacy crisis of the modern state are combining with the disruptive power of new technologies to destabilize our world.

Four key ideas will be explored that originated from classical social theory, but have been rediscovered or revived to explain current crises: 1. The Risk Society (Ulrich Beck). 2. The Metabolic Rift (John Bellamy Foster). 3. The Origins of Totalitarianism (Hannah Arendt). 4. Seeing like a State (James C Scott). These four ideas provide a lens into which contemporary crises of escalating inequality, collapsing state legitimacy and deepening ecological crisis, can be contextualized within longer histories of similar struggles and challenges. Seen in this way, pathways of resistance can start to be seen.

Sustainable Industry Development

【Code: A622000】 Credits: 2

Instructor: Dr. Manuel J. De Vera
Assistant Professor, Asian Institute of Management

Date: Dec. 11 (Thu) and 18 (Thu) 9:00 – 12:00 and 13:30 – 16:30
Dec. 12 (Fri) and 19 (Fri) 15:00 – 18:00
Dec. 15 (Mon) and 22 (Mon) 9:00 – 12:00
Venue: Seminar Room 201, Faculty of Law/Economics East Building
Coordinator: Prof. Shuji Hisano, Asst. Prof. Yijun Yu



The world needs new a kind of leadership that employs community and people-centered approaches when it comes to the issue of sustainability within our complex economic, social, political and natural environments. This course explores the intersection of leadership that employs a multistakeholder approach, and the challenges of sustainability in organizations, communities and societies. Students will explore the exercise of leadership in addressing divides or gaps in sustainability practices, and design strategies that encompass ethics, change management, shared value-creation, and governance to envisage a positive impact on society and the environment. With the use of cases and simulations, the course promotes interactive discussions by situating students with leadership dilemmas on sustainability, and evoking them to generate options for better decision-making processes and outcomes.

Check out the syllabus or ask the coordinators for the details.

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