## Osaka Gakuin University 2012-2013 Fall Semester

# Japan's Role in the Global Economy

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# **Course Description:**

This course will trace the rise, fall, and rise again of globalization, with a special emphasis on Japan's role. How did globalization dovetail with the Mejii restoration? How has Japan chosen to deal with trade flows surrounding it? In what ways did the post-WWII landscape alter those choices? In what way are the "economic miracle", the "bubble" and the "Lost Decade" lessons for the rest of the world? In what ways are the Japanese people coping with the waning economy, especially after the Tohoku disasters? These, among others, are questions the course will address.

In addition to lectures, the course allots time for term paper of 7-10 pages. Students will propose a topic for the research paper and accompanying presentation, and give weekly updates on their progress.

#### Resources

Course materials will be provided by the instructor.

## **Evaluation**

The grade will given based on the participation in daily lecture and

discussion (30%), pop-quizzes & in-class exercises (20%), midterm exam (20%) and final paper/presentation (30%). No previous knowledge about economics is expected. Evaluation method may change at the instructor's discretion depending on the class size and other factors.

#### Notes:

### **Course Schedule:**

Week 1 & 2: Early Globalization Week 3 & 4: Japan's Response

Week 5 & 6: Pre-WWII developments

Week 7 & 8: The Economic Miracle and the Cold War

Week 9 & 10: Midterm, Bubble and Bust Week 11 & 12: Lost Decade & Lehman Shock

Week 13 & 14: Tohoku Disasters and the Way Forward Week 15: Final Paper and Student Presentations