

The University of Tokyo/Princeton University Strategic Partnership Teaching and Research Collaboration

Intensive Lecture Series: Politics of Japan

June 13-20 Room 155, Building 1

Lecturer: Prof. David Leheny (Dep. of East Asian Studies, Princeton University)

June 13 (Fri), 16 (Mon), 18 (Wed): 6:10pm-9:00pm

June 17 (Tue), 19 (Thu): 4:30pm-9:00pm

June 20 (Fri): 6:10pm-7:40pm

This course provides an introduction to Japanese politics, focusing particularly on the political institutions that shape elections and policy choices; the government structures that help to determine the content of policies; and the broader social and cultural debates that animate discussions of contemporary politics. Each session will include a lecture and then class discussion.

Textbook: Ikuo Kabashima and Gill Steel, *Changing Politics in Japan* (Cornell University Press, 2010).

Except for the textbook, all readings for this course will be provided as pdf files. Contact Masaaki Takeda (takeda@boz.c.u-tokyo.ac.jp) for the distribution of the files. Assessment is made through class participation, a short discussion paper, and the final exam (NB. The assessment policy is changed from the online syllabus).

This lecture is open to both undergraduates and postgraduates. Registration via UT-mate is required. Course title for undergraduates: 国際日本研究特論 I (Special Topics: Japan in East Asia).

Course title for postgraduates: Special Lecture on Global Society IV.

