

Course title <English>	生物資源経済学特別講義 VIB Special Lecture on Natural Resources Economics VIB		Affiliated department, Job title,Name	Part-time Lecturer,NEU , Claudia	
Target year	1st year students or above	Number of credits	1	Course offered year/period	2018/Intensive, Second semester
Day/period	Intensive	Class style	Lecture	Language	English
[Outline and Purpose of the Course]					
<p>One of the primary objectives of this course is to introduce students to the principles of sociology in general and key concepts of rural sociology in particular. In addition, we want to provide the analytical tools for understanding the processes inherent to these concepts. Beyond that, the course aims at enhancing students' ability to identify different research perspectives and to critically discuss and analyze research strategies and methods.</p> <p>The approach will generally be a sociological analysis of the transformation of postmodern societies. This development is forced by demographic, economic and social change. Nowadays we observe a differentiation and polarization of rural wellbeing and lifestyle in Europe, the US and Japan. Therefore the theoretical and empirical focus lies on transformation theories, social inequality in general and territorial inequality in special.</p>					
[Course Goals]					
<p>As an introduction to rural sociology, this course is designed to give an overview of the sociological concepts of " rurality ", " demographic change ", " socioeconomic developments and social problems in rural areas " (deprivation, rural poverty). We will discuss gender inequality, the future of rural landscape and societies. Lectures outline each of these issues and position them within the context of sociology. We will use seminars to debate key questions raised during lectures and to discuss selected issues based on academic publications.</p>					
[Course Schedule and Contents]					
<p>Lecture 1) Introduction: Images of Farming</p> <p>Lecture 2) Transformation of the Industrialized World #8211 Social and Demographic Change</p> <p>Lecture 3) The world is on the move: Migration and Rural areas</p> <p>Lecture 4) Working Mom: Changing family patterns #8211 Comparing Japan and Germany</p> <p>Lecture 5) Farmer wants a wife? Women and Agriculture</p> <p>Lecture 6) Dead End? Future of Rural Areas</p> <p>Lecture 7) White Trash, Far Right #8211 Extremism and Rural Areas</p> <p>Lecture 8) Into the Green: Social Innovation in Rural Areas</p>					
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[Class requirement]

English proficiency suitable for understanding the lectures and contributing to the discussions.

[Method, Point of view, and Attainment levels of Evaluation]

Grading will be done on the basis of class participation and discussion (50%), homework assignments regarding readings, and a brief assigned presentation by each student (50%). More than three absences without official excuse receives a fail.

Refer to "2018 Guide to Degree Programs" for attainment levels of evaluation.

[Textbook]

No textbook. Only several short readings associated with the lectures.

[Reference books, etc.]

(Reference books)

Arlie Russel Hochschild: Strangers in Their Own Land. Anger and Mourning on the American Right: A Journey to the Heart of Our Political Divide. New York, 2016.

Colin Crouch, Post-Democracy, Cambridge; 2004.

David L. Brown; Kai A. Schafft: Rural People and Communities in the 21st Century. Resilience and Transformation, forthcoming.

Georg Packard: The Unwinding: An Inner History of the New America, New York, 2013.

J.D.Vance: Hillbilly Elegy. A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis, New York, 2016.

Stephanie Assmann: Sustainability in Contemporary Rural Japan, Oxfordshire; 2016.

Tsuneichi Myiamoto; Jeffrey Irish: The Forgotten Japanese: Encounters with Rural Life and Folklore, Berkley; 1962.

[Regarding studies out of class (preparation and review)]

(Others (office hour, etc.))

The lecturer, Dr. Claudia NEU, is Professor of Rural Sociology at Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, University of Göttingen, Germany.

This intensive lecture course is scheduled to be held in late February 2019 (most likely in the week of February 25) .

The exact schedule and venue for the course will be announced later.

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