

Course number		G-AGR06 7FC06 LJ82				
Course title (and course title in English)	生物資源経済学特別講義 IVB Special Lecture on Natural Resources Economics IVB			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Part-time Lecturer, NEU , Claudia	
Target year	1st year students or above	Number of credits	1	Year/semesters	2023/Intensive, Second semester	
Days and periods	Intensive	Class style	Lecture	Language of instruction	English	
[Overview and purpose of the course]						
<p>【 This intensive course, themed "Rural Sociology: Future Land: Rural Areas between Break-up and Left-behind," will be delivered in person by Prof. Dr. Claudia Neu, Professor of Rural Sociology, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, University of Goettingen, Germany. 】</p> <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 objectives]						
<p>As an introduction to rural sociology, this course is designed to give an overview of the sociological concepts of " rurality " , " demographic change " , " transformation " and " crises " . We will discuss territorial and gender inequality, the future of rural landscape and societies. We will have a look at the opportunities and constraints of civic engagement and social innovation in rural areas. 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>【 This course is scheduled to be held in person in late January or early February 2024. The exact dates, time and venue will be announced later. 】</p> <p>Lecture 1) Rural Future: Between Idyll and Transformation - Imagination of Rural Idyll and Urban Modernity</p> <p>Lecture 2) Key Concepts of Sociology - Culture and Society - Globalization and Demographic Change</p> <p>Lecture 3-4) Space, Place and Society</p>						
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- Theory of Space and Place
- Knowing your place: Rural Identity?
- Lost Places? Social Places? Spatial Inequality, Rural Infrastructure

Lecture 5) Last man standing?

- Peasants Lifestyle
- Women on Farms

Lecture 6-7) New Residents in the Countryside

- Lifestyle Migrants vs Rural Exodus?
- Dark Side of Rurality: White Trash, Far-Right
- Social Innovation in Rural Areas

Lecture 8) Sociology of Food and Nutrition

[Course requirements]

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

[Evaluation methods and policy]

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 "2023 Guide to Degree Programs" for attainment levels of evaluation.

[Textbooks]

Not used

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

[References, etc.]

(Reference books)

Assmann, Stefanie: Sustainability in Contemporary Rural Japan, Oxfordshire, 2016.

Brown, David L./Schafft, Kai A.: Rural People and Communities in the 21st Century. Resilience and Transformation, 2018.

Douwe van der Ploeg, Jan: The New Peasantries, 2nd Ed., London, 2018.

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

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

Wolfram Manzenreiter, Wolfram/L#252tzeler, Ralph/Polak-Rottmann, Sebastian: Japan ' s New Ruralities, London/NY 2020.

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[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

(Other information (office hours, etc.))

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