

<b>Course number</b>	G-ECON31 6A595 LE82 G-ECON31 6A595 LE43				
<b>Course title (and course title in English)</b>	International Political Economy of Agriculture International Political Economy of Agriculture		<b>Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation</b>	Graduate School of Economics Professor, HISANO SHUJI	
<b>Target year</b>	1st year students or above	<b>Number of credits</b>	2	<b>Year/semesters</b>	2022/Second semester
<b>Days and periods</b>	Mon.3,4 隔週開講	<b>Class style</b>	Lecture	<b>Language of instruction</b>	English
<b>[Overview and purpose of the course]</b>					
<p>This course provides a comprehensive and critical view on the development and current state-of-affairs of agriculture and food governance at the global, national and local levels by referring to various theoretical frameworks and concepts of international political economy and agri-food sociology, especially with a focus on the unequal power relations between various actors. We will discuss issues and prospects of agriculture and food governance from the perspectives of “sustainable development” and “food sovereignty” . In the previous semester, our focus was on the concept of "food as a commons" that has re-emerged as a transformative narrative and framing to challenge the mainstream paradigm of food as a commodity, to broaden our imagination to explore and practice alternative paradigm of food and food systems. Although the theme (and the literature) of this semester is not decided yet as of February 2022, it will be more or less related to local food policy and alternative food networks, with a special focus on the empowerment of food eaters as food citizens as well as the process of upscaling from local niche initiatives to institutional and governance transformation.</p>					
<b>[Course objectives]</b>					
<p>Through this course, students will acquire critical and interdisciplinary approaches to social, economic, political, cultural, and environmental issues surrounding agriculture and food, and gain insight into fundamental social science issues such as “structure and agency” and “power of discourse” .</p>					
<b>[Course schedule and contents]</b>					
<p>Every year, textbooks used in this course are different, but we use either introductory books with high international recognition for textbooks so that even beginners of agri-food studies or international political economy and sociology can learn effectively, or handbook-style books with theoretically and conceptually elaborated introduction chapter and well-structured chapters that cover most of important issues and problems and include rich case studies. In the past years, we read the following books together:</p> <p>[2019] Jason Konefal &amp; Maki Hatanaka, eds., Twenty Lessons in the Sociology of Food and Agriculture, Oxford UP, 2019.</p> <p>[2020] Jessica Duncan, Michael Carolan &amp; Johannes S.C. Wiskerke, eds., Routledge Handbook of Sustainable and Regenerative Food Systems, Routledge, 2020.</p> <p>[2021] Jose Louis Vivero-Pol, Tomaso Ferrando, Olivier De Schutter &amp; Ugo Mattei, eds., Routledge Handbook of Food as a Commons, Routledge, 2018.</p> <p>In this semester, we will read a book or two on the above-mentioned topic. Apart from that, we will use the following handbook as a reference:</p> <p>A. H. Akram-Lodhi, Kristina Dietz, Bettina Engels and Ben M. McKay, eds. (2021) Handbook of Critical Agrarian Studies, Edward Elgar Publishing. DOI:<a href="https://doi.org/10.4337/9781788972468">https://doi.org/10.4337/9781788972468</a></p>					
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The following is the previous year's course schedule, Just for your reference.

Week 1. Introduction / The food commons are coming...

Week 2-3. Part I: Rebranding food and alternative narratives of transition

--- The idea of food as a commons / The food system as a commons / Food security as a global public good

Week 4-5. Part II: Exploring the multiple dimensions of food

--- Community-based commons and rights systems / Food as cultural core / Food as a commodity

Week 6-7. Part III: Food-related elements considered as commons

--- Traditional agricultural knowledge / Scientific knowledge / Genetic resources / Water, food and climate

Week 8-9. Part IV: Commoning from below: Current examples of commons-based food systems

--- Agroecology movement in Cuba / The commoning of food governance in Canada / Community-building through food provisioning

Week 10-11. Part V: Dialogue of alternative narratives of transition

--- Food as a commons and food sovereignty / Land as a commons / Civic food networks and social emancipation

Week 12-13. Part VI: Conclusions

--- Towards a new relationship between the public, the civic and the private

Week 14-15. Wrap-up and feedback

### [Course requirements]

No prerequisite knowledge or skill required other than English language ability sufficient to interact actively in class.

### [Evaluation methods and policy]

Grading will be carried out on a basis of active class participation (70%) and assignment presentation/report (30%).

### [Textbooks]

A. H. Akram-Lodhi, Kristina Dietz, Bettina Engels and Ben M. McKay, eds. 『Handbook of Critical Agrarian Studies』 (Edward Elgar, 2021) ISBN:9781788972451 (<https://doi.org/10.4337/9781788972468>)

Reading materials will be made available in advance through the course mailing list and/or a cloud system.

### [References, etc.]

#### ( Reference books )

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Jessica Duncan, Michael Carolan & Johannes S.C. Wiskerke, eds. 『Routledge Handbook of Sustainable and Regenerative Food Systems』 (Routledge, 2020)

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**[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]**

Students are required to read the assigned articles and book chapters for each class as well as other relevant reading materials so that they will be able to actively participate in discussions.

**( Other information (office hours, etc.) )**

Office hours are by appointment. Please e-mail at [hisano@econ.kyoto-u.ac.jp](mailto:hisano@econ.kyoto-u.ac.jp) for an appointment.

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