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International Comparison of Corporate Governance

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Term paper requirements (期末レポートの条件)

1. (if you write in English) The length should be between 7 and 10 pages (3000 - 4000 words) including references, notes, tables and graphs. However, your attempt to achieve the required quantity should not at the expense of the paper's quality! The paper should be typed and printed in A4 format.

期末レポートの条件 (if you write in Japanese)

ヤルナゾフとの相談上、題目を決めてもらった後、**題目と要旨** (A4 一枚) を 11 月 18 日 (金) 午前 9 時までにメールで送ってください (ファイル形式は word か pdf)。12 月か 1 月の授業にレポートの内容について**パワーポイントを使って発表**してください。その際に、レポートの初期版を提出してもらっても構いません。完成したレポート (最終版) は 2012 年 2 月 3 日 (金) 午後 5 時までに横書で 7000 字 (A4 で 7 枚) 以上書いて提出してください。必ず自分の文章で論述してください。また、参考文献を 5 点以上明記してください。参考文献に依拠して引用する際に、引用した文の後、必ず括弧内に出典、出版された年、及び引用ページを明記してください。

Language: English or Japanese. If you choose to write in English, any grammatical or spelling mistakes will not influence your grade. The contents is what matters!

2. Important deadlines

- please e-mail me ***until 9 am on 18 November 2011 the topic and a short summary*** (one page in A4 format; word or pdf file) of the paper

including the main argument(s) you want to make, some questions whose answers you've been looking for, and the titles of some books or articles you've read or are planning to read.

- please prepare until your designated date ***in December 2011 or January 2012 a powerpoint presentation based on the paper***. Students whose preparation is at an advanced stage, if they wish, may also submit a first version of the paper.

- please hand in to the student office (経済学部教務係) ***one printed copy of the final version of the paper and e-mail me the word or pdf file*** until 5 pm on 3 February 2012.

3. Structure

Front page (title of the course, topic of the paper, your name and status, date of submission)

Table of contents

Introduction

The main text* organized in sections (please don't forget the in-text citations)

Conclusion

Notes

References

* Tables and figures may be inserted inside the text, or included at the end of the paper.

4. Contents: the paper should contain ***a thesis statement*** and students should try to support it by using various arguments and empirical evidence (statistical data, opinion poll or questionnaire data, case studies, etc.).

The thesis statement (問題提起) is an assertion (主張) or a hypothesis (仮説), not a statement of fact/ observation (事実確認、観察). Example, "Japanese farmers use many chemicals" is an observation, but

"Japanese consumers are being poisoned through their daily food because of the use of chemicals by farmers" is a thesis statement. Always try to answer not just the question "What happened?", but also "Why?" and "How it happened?".

5. No plagiarism! when you use papers, books or any text (including from the Internet) written by someone else, please always cite your source. And please do not copy and paste entire sections of the text written by others.

How to cite a source?

In the case of a book, please cite inside the text: (North, 1990, p. 57) and in the list of references: North, D., *Institutions, Institutional Change and Economic Performance*, Cambridge University Press, 1990. In the case of a Internet source, please cite inside the text and in the list of references: (title of the article), web site address like for instance, http://www.europa.eu.int/index_en.htm, accessed on(date of access).

6. Presentation of the paper (15-20 min.)

- students should make powerpoint presentations on their term papers during some of the classes in in December 2011 or January 2012.
- the text of the presentation (the ppt file) should be e-mailed to me no later than 6 pm on the previous day.
- the presentation can be done in English or Japanese but even if you don't have confidence in your English, please try to use English as much as possible (don't choose the easier option of doing everything in Japanese).
- please do not write too much text or full sentences on the powerpoint slides and try not to read the text on the slides during the presentation.

Topics of some of last year's papers: advantages and disadvantages of hostile takeovers, corporate governance within joint ventures, governance problems in NPOs, corporate social responsibility (CSR) in Germany, corporate governance in China, the WorldCom scandal, the downsides of shareholder value.