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Readings on International Economics

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Term Paper requirements

1. Length: between 4000 – 6000 words (10 - 15 pages including tables, figures, notes and references). However, your attempt to achieve the required quantity should not be at the expense of the paper's quality! The paper should be typed and printed in A4 format.

2. Language: English or Japanese (日本語の場合、10,000 字程度). If you choose to write in English, any grammatical or spelling mistakes will not influence your grade. The content is what matters!

(if you choose to write in Japanese) 期末レポートの条件

レポートの題目をヤルナゾフとの相談上決めてもらった後、題目と要旨 (A4 一枚) を 11 月 18 日 (金) 午後 17 時までにメールで提出してください (ファイル形式は word か pdf)。12 月か 1 月の授業で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 (期末プレゼンテーション)。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 17 時までに横書で 10,000 字 (A4 で 10 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。

3. Important deadlines

- please e-mail me *until 5 pm on 18 November 2011 the topic and a*

short summary of the paper (up to one page in A4 format; word or pdf file) including: the main argument(s) you want to make, the logic and structure, questions whose answers you've been looking for, and titles of some books or articles you've already read or are planning to read.

- please make during one of the classes ***in December 2011 or January 2012 a powerpoint presentation based on the paper***. Students whose preparation is at an advanced stage may also submit **a first version of the paper**.

- please hand in to the student office (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***.

4. 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.

5. 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 polls 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 (事實確認、觀察). For

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 did it happen?".

6. No plagiarism! when you use papers, books or any text (including from the Internet) written by someone else, please always cite your source. Please do not copy and paste whole 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 an Internet source, please cite inside the text and in the list of references as follows: (title of the article), web site address like for instance, http://www.europa.eu.int/index_en.htm, accessed on (date of access).

7. Presentation of the paper

- each student should make a powerpoint presentation on his/her term paper during one of the classes in December 2011 or January 2012.
- the text of the presentation (the ppt file) should be e-mailed to me no later than 5 pm on the previous day.
- the presentation can be done either in English or Japanese, though you're strongly encouraged to present in English (if you choose to present in Japanese, please prepare a summary in English).
- 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.