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CULTURAL PRESUPPOSITIONS IN JAPANESE COMMUNICATION

Lecturer(s)	SUZUKI, RIE
Credit(s)	2
Academic Year/Semester	2023 Fall
Day/Period	Fri.4
Campus	Mita
Classroom	415
Class Format	Face-to-face classes (conducted mainly in-person)
Registration Number	89387
Faculty/Graduate School	INTERNATIONAL CENTER
Year Level	2, 3, 4
Course Description	A course to aim to examine Japanese everyday interaction from various socio-cultural aspects that may affect speakers' ways of interacting with others.
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Course Administrator	Faculty/Graduate School	CIN INTERNATIONAL CENTER
	Department/Major	CO
Main Course Number	Level	0 Faculty-wide
	Major Classification	0 Other Course
	Minor Classification	11 International Center Course (Humanities) - Languages and Literature
	Subject Type	3 Elective subject
Supplemental Course Information	Class Classification	2 Lecture
	Class Format	1 Face-to-face classes (conducted mainly in-person)
	Language of Instruction	2 English
Academic Discipline	02 Literature, linguistics, and related fields	

Course Contents/Objectives/Teaching Method/Intended Learning Outcome

To communicate well with others, especially in cross-cultural settings, it is crucial to have a good vocabulary and grammatical knowledge of the language used there, but this is not enough. We still misunderstand each other unless we correctly understand what they mean through their speech, which is sometimes not so easy. This course thus aims to explore Japanese everyday interaction from various socio-cultural aspects that may affect speakers' ways of interacting with others. By analyzing it in detail, comparing it to practices in other languages, and sharing experiences and opinions with classmates, you will gain more insight into how people select their words and expressions and thereby perform social actions. You will see socio-cultural phenomena of Japanese communication from a wider perspective, while observing and analysing your own language use and its possible impacts on others.

Course Plan

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Method of Evaluation

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Textbooks

Materials will be provided through the course page.

Reference Books

Gumperz, J. J. (1982). *Discourse Strategies*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
Hofstede, G., Hofstede, G. J., and Minkov, M. (2010). *Cultures and Organizations: Software of the Mind*, 3rd ed. New York, London: McGraw-Hill Education.
Tannen, D. (Ed.) (1993). *Framing in Discourse*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

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