

2026年度後期 e-STARTプログラム コース2/e-START Program Course2

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① コーステーマ/Theme of the course			
Democratic Government Across the World			
② 教養教育科目/Liberal Arts Subject			
☒ オンライン国際ゼミ A (1 単位) /Online International Seminar A (1credit) ☐ オンライン国際ゼミ B (2 単位) / Online International Seminar B (2credit)			
③ コース開始日/Course Start Date			
☒ 第3・第4ターム (2026年10月2日～2027年2月8日) ☐ 学年末休業期間 (2027年2月9日～2027年3月31日)			
④ 共同実施先の大学名, 国・地域名 (必要な場合は, 欄を追加してください) /Overseas University(ies) to jointly conduct the course (Add cells if needed)			
国・地域名1/ Country・Region	UK	大学名1/ Name of University	University of Sheffield
国・地域名2/ Country・Region	India	大学名2/ Name of University	Indian Institute of Science Education and Research
国・地域名3/ Country・Region	India	大学名3/ Name of University	Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani
国・地域名4/ Country・Region	Australia	大学名4/ Name of University	University of New South Wales
⑤ コースでの使用言語/Language to be used in the course		English	
⑥ 使用予定のオンラインツール/ Communication platform used in the course		Zoom	

⑦ 対象学生／Eligibility ※原則、最終セメスター学生は単位付与のタイミング上、「単位不要」での登録となる。大学院生は学部の科目の単位付与可能。	☐ 学部生のみ／Undergraduate student only ☐ 大学院生のみ／Graduate student only ☒ 学部生・大学院生どちらも／Both undergraduate and graduate student ☐ 教職員の見学可／The visits are available for faculty and staff
⑧ 曜日・時間／Day and Time ※現時点での情報をご提供ください。	On demand lectures: December 2nd, 7th, 9th, 14th, and 16th. In-class group work: December 3th, 8th, 10th, 15th, and 17th Final presentations: December 21nd
⑨ 募集人数／Capacity	最小開講人数：5名／ Minimum number of participants : 5 最大募集人数：30名／ Maximum number of participants : 30
⑩ 募集終了日／Application deadline	2026年 11月 18日
⑪ 持っておくと望ましい背景知識／Recommended background knowledge	
Familiarity with democratic governments and electoral institutions. A simple understanding of the political history of one or more democratic countries will be helpful.	
⑫ コース概要／Outline of the course	
Lecture 1: Concepts of Democracy • Accountability • Waves of democratization • Democratic stability • Presidentialism and parliamentarism • District Magnitude • Unitary, federal, and decentralized states Group work 1 Lecture 2: Economic Class and Capital Dependence • Economic classes • Capital Dependence • Resource curse Group work 2 Lecture 3: Economic Class and Protest • Voting rights • Labor	

- Women and Minorities

Group work 3

Lecture 4: Democracy and Economic Development

- Government spending
- Economic growth
- Debt financing
- Aid

Group work 4

Lecture 5: Democracy and Decentralization

- Government quality
- Public services
- Political stability

Group work 5

Final Presentations

⑬ コース内容詳細案（必要に応じ補足資料を添付してください）／Detailed plan of the course
(Please attach supplementary documents if necessary)

(1) 講義／Plan of specialized lecture

時期／Period : 12月2日～12月16日／2 December~16 December

内容／Details :

Lectures are provided on-demand. New lectures are available each Monday and Wednesday from 12月2日 until 12月16日. The Group Work and Collaborations are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 17:00-19:00 JST from 12月3日 until 12月17日.

Lecture 1: Concepts of Democracy 12月2日

Discussion of democratic institutions from a comparative perspective. Discussion of trends in democracy, what it means for society, and failures of democracy.

Lecture 2: Economic Class and Capital Dependence 12月7日

Major economic explanations for why some countries have democratic institutions and others do not.

Lecture 3: Historical Development and Colonial Legacies 12月9日

Democratic development from a historical perspective. Comparisons of the development of advanced democracies and developing states.

Lecture 4: Democracy and Economic Development 12月14日

How democracy impacts economic development. We discuss multiple mechanisms including

spending, debt, and aid. Lecture 5: Decentralization and Democracy 12月16日 How local political institutions influence the quality and stability of government. 合計時間数／Total hours : 10時間／hours
(2) グループワーク／Plan of group work 時期／Period : 12月3日～12月17日／3 December~17 December 内容／Details : Group work consists of in-class discussion groups. We divide the class into groups of approximately 5 students. Groups meet in breakout rooms in Zoom. The instructor supplies discussion questions for the groups. After the breakout sessions, all the groups meet to reflect on their discussions. Group work 1: 12月3日 Dec-3 Group work 2: 12月8日 Dec-8 Group work 3: 12月10日 Dec-10 Group work 4: 12月15日 Dec-15 Group work 5: 12月17日 Dec-17 合計時間数／Total hours : 10時間／hours
(3) グループ発表／Plan of final group presentation 時期／Period : 12月21日／21 December from 17:00-19:00 内容／Details : The class is divided into groups of approximately 5 students. Each group prepares a presentation of policy recommendations to improve democratic governance within a chosen case. Country cases must be approved by the instructor. The policy recommendations are based upon the lessons that the students have learned from the course topics on the causes and consequences of democracy. The instructor will provide example questions that can guide the students when creating their policy briefs. Students present their policy briefs on 12月21日 Dec-21 from 17:00-19:00. 合計時間数／Total hours : 2時間／hours
⑭ その他／Others