**Full Module Title:** Rethinking Japan: Introduction to Modern Japanese Society and Culture

**Module Code:**
- LNLN023S4 (Level 4)
- ARMC001S5 (Level 5)

**Credits/Level:**
- 30/4
- 30/5

**Convenor:** Nobuko Anan

**Lecturer(s):** Nobuko Anan, Martyn Smith, TBA

**Entrance Requirements:** N/A

**Day/Time:** Mondays Term 1 & 2/ 19.30-21.00

**Module Description:**
This module aims to provide you with a critical understanding of crucial aspects in Japan’s modern cultural and social history. It will give you an opportunity to learn some of the main ways to explore Japanese history, culture, and especially its cultural products. You will be introduced to key texts (historical, literary, visual, cinematic, and theoretical) which represent and chart two central developments: Japan’s emergence as a modern, ‘westernized’, powerful, and imperialistic nation-state (early twentieth century); and Japan’s post-war transformation into a high-tech consumer society (1945- present).

We will consider notions of ‘Japaneseness’ and the changing discourses on national and cultural identity, with which Japan sought to position itself vis-à-vis the west and Asia; and in turn, we will scrutinise western images of Japan and the ‘Far East’. Some of the topics we will look at include Japan as a nation and community, identity in modern Japan, Japan in Asia, Western images of Japan, multi-cultural Japan, and gender in Japan.

**Syllabus:**
- Inventing the nation: Meiji Japan and modernisation
- The Imperial Rescript on Education and the Meiji Constitution
- Building an Empire
- Total War and Total Defeat
- Occupation: demilitarisation and democracy?
- Re-building Japan: Post-war economic growth
- High Speed Change: Social and political protest
- Japan in the world: Post-war to Post-bubble
- The politics of Japaneseness
- Orientalism and Occidentalism
- Post colonialism
- Globalization and Japan
- Gender, sexuality and family in contemporary Japan
- Media production and consumption in Japan: issues of power, freedom and control
- Media and culture in Zero Generation

(The syllabus is subject to change.)

**Assessment Table:**
Essays (Level 4)
- One 2,000 word essay in Term 1
- One 2,000 word essay in Term 2
50% (Term 1 essay) 50% (Term 2 essay)

Essays (Level 5)
- One 2,500 word essay in Term 1
- One 2,500 word essay in Term 2
50% (Term 1 essay) 50% (Term 2 essay)

Essential Texts: N/A

Other Important Information: N/A

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Full Module Title: Theorising Japanese Cinema

Module Code: ARMC093S5

Credits/Level: 30/5

Convenor: Kanako Terasawa

Lecturer(s): Kanako Terasawa

Entrance Requirements: Introduction to Cinema or Rethinking Japan

Day/Time: Tuesdays, Term 1/ 18.00-21.00

Module Description: The module explores key critical approaches to the study of Japanese cinema. It introduces you to some of the key theoretical frameworks such as national and transnational cinemas, post-colonial thought, gender, spectatorship and concepts such as genre, new wave, avant-garde, and alterity/otherness. In your encounter with film from across the twentieth- and twenty-first centuries, you’ll consider styles and subject matter, film genres and movements, and studios and directors, in their cultural, social, political, technological and industrial contexts.

Films selected for this module are sub-titled in English. There is no Japanese language requirement for this course.

Syllabus: Introduction to film style and national cinema
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Essential Texts: N/A

Other Important Information: N/A

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### Full Module Title:
**Advanced Seminar in Japanese Culture and Society**

### Module Code:
ARMC203S6

### Credits/Level:
30/6

### Convenor:
Nobuko Anan

### Lecturer(s):
Nobuko Anan

### Entrance Requirements:
Rethinking Japan and Japanese 3

### Day/Time:
Tuesdays, Term 2/ 18.00-21.00

### Module Description:
This module aims to develop understanding of various current issues in Japanese culture and society from interdisciplinary and theoretical perspectives. Topics include politics, international relations, economy, gender/sexuality, religion, and education. Students will also develop proficiency in the Japanese language in an academic context through the study of various key issues in contemporary Japan. Course materials are taken not only from scholarly writings in English but also from a variety of up-to-date Japanese language media so that you will be able to engage with “real” materials.

### Syllabus:
- Being a Foreigner in Japan
- Unfinished History and the Rise of Nationalism
- Japan—USA Relationship
- Left Wing—The Dankai Generation Wanting to Do Sōkatsu?
- “Gap-Widening Society” and Neoliberalism
- School Education
- Religion
- Gender and sexuality
- Ontology of Yankees
- Fukushima—what is "Nippon"? What is Kizuna?

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### Essential Texts:
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