

Culture, Environment and Technology of India

Spring Semester
Language: English

Background

India being a diverse country, with a long history and close and strategic partnership with Japan, the course aims to enhance understanding on depth and diversity of India, and explain the partnership areas of India Japan bilateral collaboration. This is first of its type of cross-disciplinary course, which provides a comprehensive overview of the studies related to India. A new laboratory titled India Japan Laboratory (<https://www.kri.sfc.keio.ac.jp/en/lab/indojapan/>) was formed KRI in SFC. This course is part of the activities of the new laboratory.

Contents

Overall three aspects related to India are addressed:

- Culture, history, art, religion, and language studies
- Development, environment and economic growth strategies
- Science, technology and innovation studies

The course has a combination of in-house and guest lectures from eminent personalities, who are knowledgeable on different aspects and disciplines related to India. Several lectures are provided through online presentations from India and elsewhere.

Schedule

PART 1: Introduction and overview

Orientation: The first lecture establishes the course background, overall course structure, credit requirements, assignments etc.

Introduction to Japan India relation: (tbc): Lecture by Takuro Takeuchi, Japan International Cooperation Agency

PART 2: Policy, technology, business

India Japan relation (Policy / Technology / Business): Lectures by Professor Jun Murai, Mr. Yukio Takeyari, Ex- SONY India Software Center, Professor Rodney Van Meter, Kazuto Ataka, Keiji Takeda, Hiroya Tanaka, Kotaro Kataoka (IIT- Hyderabad)

PART 3: Yoga and Music

Yoga and Music: Lectures by Akiko Kato (India Japan Laboratory and The Yoga Organization of Japan) and Professor Patrick Savage

PART 4: Environment, development, disasters

Environment, development and disasters: Lectures by Professor Rajib Shaw, Professor Satoko Oki and Mr. Hiromi Hirose (Journalist, NHK)

PART 5: Assignment, report, discussion

Assignment, report, presentation and discussion

Evaluation / Credit requirements

The evaluation is based on:

1. Attendance in the class
2. In class as well as post-course assignments and short reports