

English-taught Courses

Top School Seminar 2026

offered by School of Political Science and Economics (SPSE)

Syllabus for each course will become available on Oh-o!Meiji System.

1 What is “Top School Seminar”?

(1) Overview

The SPSE welcomes teachers and researchers from universities around the world for a short period of time and they offer lectures in English about their specialized fields such as politics, economics, sociology, administration, and history. Courses of “Top School Seminar” are intensive courses of about 4~7 weeks and held during Spring and Fall semester.

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Top School Seminar

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Learn politics, economics, international cultures etc. in English! ✓ No extra fees! ✓ Students of all Schools are welcome! ✓ Meet friends who have the same goals! 	<p>The program hosts lecturers from top universities around the world to provide lectures in English.</p> <p>You can be registered to courses through a regular course registration process with no extra fees.</p> <p>The SPSE welcomes students of all Schools to Top School Seminar courses.</p> <p>You can see other students who are interested in global career, wish to brush up English skills, plan to study abroad etc.</p>
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See you in
Top School Seminar courses!

(2) Characteristics and Advantages

- Students can be registered to the courses with no extra fees.

- Suitable for **international students including exchange students** who wish to take as many courses related to politics, economics, governance, sociology, etc. in English as possible at the SPSE.
- Suitable for **all students** who wish to improve their English proficiency, to learn with international students, and to meet with other students who are interested in a global career.
- **The SPSE welcomes students from other Schools of Meiji University** to Top School Seminar courses (40~50% of participants are non-SPSE students).

(3) *Course registration, credits & syllabus, assessment method*

① **How to register “Top School Seminar” courses**

<For degree-seeking students of the SPSE>

You can register these courses by Web registration during Course Registration Period of spring semester (April). Also, you can add Top School Seminar courses during “Course Registration (Drop & Add) Period” in the Fall semester. For detailed schedule, please refer to the notices on Oh-o! Meiji System.

<For exchange students of the SPSE>

Please include Top School Seminar courses in the course registration form provided by the SPSE Office upon your acceptance together with other courses offered by the SPSE. The course registration form must be submitted by a designated deadline of each semester.

<For students of other Schools of Meiji University>

Top School Seminar courses welcome students, both degree-seeking students and exchange students, of other Schools of Meiji University. Each year, about 40 % ~ 50% of the participants are those from other Schools. If you wish to take Top School Seminar courses, please consult with the office staff of your School and register the courses in Spring semester (April) in accordance with the requirements and course registration rules of the School. Top School Seminar courses are regarded as “elective courses from other schools”.

※ Except for exchange students, students are not allowed to add courses offered by other Schools during “Course Registration (Add & Drop) Period” in the Fall semester. Please make sure to register “Top School Seminar” courses during Course Registration Period in the Spring semester if you wish to take them.

② **Credits, syllabus**

- The courses are 2-credit courses. Credits earned from Top School Seminar

courses are treated in the same way as those earned from other courses.

- For details of the courses content, please refer to "Syllabus 2 (class outline)" as well as find syllabus data of each course on Oh-o! Meiji system.

③ Assessment method

- Each professor decides assessment method for their course. Please refer to the syllabus of the course for its details.

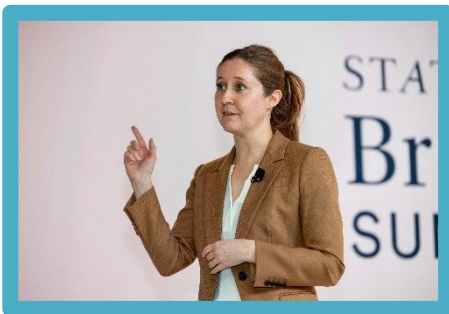
2 Overview of Top School Seminar Courses

For the details of each course, please refer to the syllabus on Oh-o! Meiji system.

*1 University, 2 Specialized Field, 3 Subject name and dates, 4 Day and periods of the class:

<Spring Semester>

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Prof. ARMSTRONG-HOUGH, MARI JEAN,

- 1 New York University (USA)
- 2 Research Methods in Public Health, Implementation Science in Regional Insurance Research, U.S. and Global Health Disparities
- 3 Top School Seminar (International Cultures A・B) (2 Credits per course)
[Friday, April 10 ~ Wednesday, June 3, 2026]
 - International Cultures A (Friday) : 4/10, 4/17, 4/24, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29
 - International Cultures B (Wednesday) : 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/13, 5/20, 5/27, 6/3
- 4 Fridays : 4th and 5th Periods
 Wednesdays : 4th and 5th Periods

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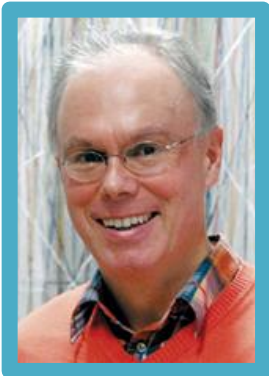


Prof. BELLIGOI Geoffrey Vito,

- 1 Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. (Spain)
- 2 History: "History of the Americas, Cultural and Diplomatic Exchange, Comparative History, and Archival Studies"
 International Relations: "International Relations, International History, Foreign Policy, International Security, International Political Economy, Global Governance, International Cooperation, and Peace Studies"
- 3 Top School Seminar (Politics) C (2 Credits)
[Monday, June 22 ~ Wednesday, July 22, 2026]
 - Monday : 6/22, 6/29, 7/6 (※) , 7/13, 7/20
 - Wednesday : 6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22
- 4 Mondays : 4th and 5th Periods ※7/6 only: 1 class(4th Period)
 Wednesdays : 4th Period

<Fall Semester>

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**Prof. STURN, Richard Werner,**

- 1 University of Graz (Austria)
- 2 Schumpeterian Economics from the Perspective of the History of Economic Thought, Public Economics, Institutional Economics
- 3 Top School Seminar (Economics) D (2 Credits)

[Thursday, October 15 ~ Thursday, November 19, 2026]

■ Tuesday : 10/20, 10/27, 11/10, 11/17

■ Thursday : 10/15, 10/22, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19(※)

- 4 Tuesdays : 4th and 5th Periods

Thursdays : 4th Period ※11/19 only: 2 classes (4th and 5th Periods)

**Prof. WALTON David Joseph,**

- 1 Western Sydney University (Australia)
- 2 Asia-Pacific International Relations
- 3 Top School Seminar (Politics) D (2 Credits)

[Monday, November 16 ~ Wednesday, December 16, 2026]

■ Monday : 11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14

■ Wednesday : 11/18, 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16 (※)

- 4 Mondays : 4th Period

Wednesdays : 4th and 5th Periods ※12/16 only: 1 class (4th Period)

**Prof. TRAPANI, James Joseph,**

- 1 Western Sydney University (Australia)
- 2 History:

“History of North and South America, History of Cultural and Diplomatic Exchange, Comparative History, Archival Studies”

International Relations:

“International Relations, International History, Foreign Policy, International Security, International Political Economy, Global Governance, International Cooperation, Peace Studies”

- 3 Top School Seminar (Politics) D (2 Credits)

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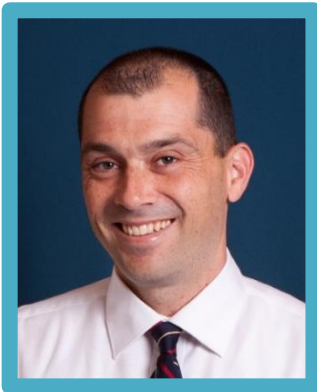
■ Monday : 11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14

■ Wednesday : 11/18, 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16 (※)

- 4 Mondays : 5th Period

Wednesdays : 4th and 5th Periods ※12/16 only: 1 class

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Prof. MAUCH, Peter Cameron

- 1 Western Sydney University (Australia)
- 2 Japanese Political and Diplomatic History, International Relations in the Asia-Pacific Region
- 3 Top School Seminar (Politics) B (2 Credits)

【Wednesday, November 18 ~ Thursday, December 17, 2026】

■ Wednesday : 11/18, 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16

■ Thursday : 11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17 (※)

- 4 Wednesdays : 4th

Thursdays : 4th and 5th Periods ※12/17 only: 1 class

3 Inquires

If you have any questions regarding Top School Seminar, please contact the SPSE Office:

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