

Online Workshop on "Democracy or Constitutionalism?" (July 22nd, 2025, at 19:30-21:00)
(by AIU students with senior high school students)

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1. Purposes

This workshop is part of JAS225 [Japan's Constitution and Law] at Akita International University, Japan, which aims.

- to create synergy between AIU students and senior high school students
- to let senior high school students learn from AIU students
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2. Eligibility for this event

Senior high school students.

Participants must have a quiet environment where they can join the Zoom meeting without sound interference.

3. Language: English

4. Number of Participants:

12 SHS students and 12 AIU students

5. Faculty in charge: Tetsuya Toyoda

6. Platform: Zoom. Students can join either from school or from home.

7. Date and time: Tuesday, July 22nd, 2025, at 19:30-21:00 (Japanese Standard Time)

8. Requirements

An environment where it is possible to join the Zoom meeting video-on and join the editing work of Google documents.

9. Activities

In four groups, senior high school students and AIU students work together to produce very short reports in writing on an assigned issue related to Japanese constitutionalism.

19:30-19:40 Introduction by Prof. Toyoda

19:40-20:10 Group discussion [submission of group reports by 20:10]

20:10-20:30 Discussion on the group reports in the plenary

20:30-20:45 Group work to make comments on the other groups' reports [submission by 20:40]

20:44-21:00 Concluding discussion in the plenary

10. Schedule

July 1st: Registration opens via Google Form (and closes when the maximum number is reached):

<https://forms.gle/c77S2KJzzxJFMSSm8>.

July 15th: distribution of pre-class short readings by email

July 22nd, 19:30-21:00: Online workshop (90 minutes)

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