

AN 344/744
Modern Japanese Society

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TR 2:00-3:15

The course will approach contemporary Japanese society through an examination of social and cultural institutions such as family, school, workplace and material culture. We will take a two-theme approach: one, taking the premise that contemporary Japan is a “normal” society we will ask what such a concept would mean examined anthropologically; two, taking critical moments in Japan’s history since 1868, we will look at change and response to crisis in different sectors of society.

