**Introduction to Japanese Studies/Culture Final exam 24 July 2019**

* Write *one essay* [1200-2000 words excluding references].
* Choose from the various themes pertaining to issues of Japanese culture that will uploaded on the course homepage by 3 July 2019.
* Essays will be assessed with regard to argumentation (coherence), familiarity with readings of the course and engagement with pertaining literature, critical thinking/innovation, academic writing.
* Check out the grading criteria uploaded on the course website.
* **Note that plagiarism will be treated as misconduct and will result in severe disciplinary action.**
* The final exam accounts for 40% of the entire grade. Please submit your essay by e-mail in word or pdf format with word count and your name included on the first page of the essay to [klien@imc.hokudai.ac.jp](mailto:klien@imc.hokudai.ac.jp)
* You are welcome to do research in the library about the topic of your choice in advance, bring notes and references to the exam and prepare citations etc. beforehand. In fact, as we will have 60 minutes for the exam in total, I highly recommend to prepare your hypothesis and references in advance so that you can focus on writing during the exam. 20-30 minutes of the final session will be used for a wrap up of the course and final discussions.
* Students who wish to have feedback on their final essay can either arrange a 10-minute meeting on 31 July (same slot as class) or get input through e-mail. Let me know before/after class or by e-mail (first come, first served).