

**Hitotsubashi Graduate School of Law  
Business Law Department  
Course Descriptions for Classes in English**

**Fall Semester 2018**

**Introduction to Japanese Business Law**

Professor Vicki Beyer

**Course Description:** To help equip students for transnational work involving Japan, this course will introduce the Japanese legal system and focus on how Japanese laws, regulations, and culture affect business transactions, and social issues related to business operations. Students will write a research paper, rather than take an exam, and students will give a presentation on their paper topics in class at the end of the semester.

**Comparative Corporate Governance**

Professor Vicki Beyer

**Course Description:** This course will examine systems of corporate governance from a comparative perspective. In considering the allocation of responsibility among corporate actors, we will focus on the following: (i) internal corporate mechanisms, particularly the function and duties of directors, (ii) outside market pressures, including institutional investors and the market for corporate control, and (iii) the role of non-shareholder stakeholders. Our study will include U.S., U.K., Japanese and German governance models as well as an examination of governance in selected transitional economies. We will also consider the international influence of the U.S. model and whether the various models of corporate governance are converging.

**International Entertainment Law**

Adj. Prof. Dan Rosen (Chuo Law School)

**Course Description:** This course will focus on the application of legal matters, such as contracts, torts, copyright and trademark, to the entertainment industry. A central concern of the course will be separating the artistic entity from the legal entity. The course will compare practices in the United States with those of the Japan and other countries, and consider whether a “global standard” exists in the world-wide entertainment market.

**Japanese Securities Law**

Assoc. Professor Hiroyuki Ogawa & Adj. Prof. Uwani Martin

**Course Description:** This course will provide an overview of securities law in Japan. It will examine the Financial Instruments Exchange Act and other laws and regulations to cover topics including the structure of the Japanese securities market, regulation of public offerings, public companies, investment companies and the securities business, as well as issues related to liability and enforcement for violations of securities laws.



## **International Dispute Resolution**

Adj. Prof. Paul Davis (Baker & McKenzie) & Adj. Prof. Takahiro Nonaka (DLA Piper)

**Course Description:** This course will focus on selected topics in dispute resolution involving Japan and Asia, including the interpretation and drafting of contract provisions, dispute resolution procedures both within and outside Japan, and negotiation, litigation, and international commercial arbitration as means of resolving disputes. There will be a focus on real world case studies involving dispute resolution between Japanese and non-Japanese parties.

## **Legal Practice in Japan**

Professor Vicki Beyer & Assoc. Professor Hiroyuki Ogawa

**Course Description:** This course will introduce students to legal practice in Japan through background readings and through guest lectures by a number of Japanese legal practitioners, such as practicing lawyers and members of corporate legal departments. This course is a prerequisite for students who wish to undertake an internship at a law firm or corporation in Japan.

## **Special Topics: Japanese Civil Law from a Comparative Perspective**

Adj. Prof. Chiaki Sato (Aoyama Gakuin)

**Course Description:** This course will provide a comparative overview of the law of contracts and torts, which are two of the main areas of civil law. With relevant Japanese civil law provisions and court decisions as a starting point, this course will examine civil law from a comparative perspective in relation to the law of the United States and other jurisdictions.

## **Directed Research**

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**Course Description:** A student who wishes to conduct research in English on a topic of Japanese or Asian law that is not covered by existing English course offerings may do so upon the agreement of an ICS faculty member to act as adviser to such independent research. In such case the student, in consultation with the faculty adviser, shall create a reading list on the topic and shall produce a written report to be submitted to the faculty adviser for evaluation and grading.