

社會科學研究方法
SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH METHODS
Fall Semester, 2012

課程進度

09/19 Introduction

Self-introduction, course overview, forming groups, and sign up for presentations.

09/26 Research, Researchers, and Readers

BCW, Chapter 1 and 2. (蘇文呈、吳孟珊、蔡念健、陳苾鈴、阮氏明好)

JJR, Chapter 1: Introduction(蘇貞文、簡孝祐)

產業經濟與趨勢研究中心專題演講

題目：「為德國經濟富裕帶來動源的創新體系」，王寶苑研究員。

「標竿中國大陸國際研發合作模式 探討兩岸共同研發之可行性」，

黃美玲副研究員。

10/03 Asking questions, finding answers: from topics to problems

BCW, Chapter 3 and 4. (司道陽、Arjen Nauta、白天莉、菲娜)

JJR, Chapter 2: Studying Politics Scientifically(嚴萬璋、薛惠文)

10/10 National Holiday, No Class!!!

Topic and Research Question Discussions (HW-1 Due!)

10/17 Asking questions, finding answers: from problems to sources

BCW, Chapter 5 and 6.(莊博鈞、林烜立、楊中天、吳碩宸)

(司道陽、Arjen Nauta、白天莉、菲娜)

JJR, Chapter 3: Hypotheses, Concepts, and Variables(萬維鈞、李靜惠)

10/24 Making a claim and supporting it: making claims

BCW, Chapter 7 and 8. (邱仕融、高安卓、李易軒、楊宇庭、呂偉頌)、

(沈宗穎、蘇俊旭、曾暇茵、黃詠芯、孔博仁)

JJR, Chapter 4: Measurement(羅高峰、淡志隆)

10/31 Making a claim and supporting it: assembling reasons and evidence

BCW, Chapter 9 and 10. (莊博鈞、林烜立、楊中天、吳碩宸)

Argument and Proposal Discussions (HW-2 Due!)

JJR, Chapter 5: Research Design(湯瑪士、柯蓉卡)

11/07 Making a claim and supporting it: Warrants

BCW, Chapter 11. (蘇文呈、吳孟珊、蔡念健、陳苾鈴、阮氏明好)

JJR, Chapter 6: Literature Review(湯瑪士、柯蓉卡)

產業經濟與趨勢研究中心專題演講，題目待通知。

11/14 Planning, drafting, and revising: planning and drafting

BCW, Chapter 12 and 13. (邱仕融、高安卓、李易軒、楊宇庭、呂偉頌)

(沈宗穎、蘇俊旭、曾暇茵、黃詠芯、孔博仁)

JJR, Chapter 7: Sampling(蘇貞文、簡孝祐)

11/21 **Mid-term Report Due. No Class Today!**

Turn in your report to TA by noon Today!

11/28 Planning, drafting, and revising: revising and communicating

BCW, Chapter 14 and 15. (蘇文呈、吳孟珊、蔡念健、陳苾鈴、阮氏明好)

(司道陽、Arjen Nauta、白天莉、菲娜)

JJR, Chapter 8: Empirical Observation(羅高峰、淡志隆)

12/05 Planning, drafting, and revising: writing and style

BCW, Chapter 16. (沈宗穎、蘇俊旭、曾暇茵、黃詠芯、孔博仁)

JJR, Chapter 9: Document Analysis(嚴萬璋、薛惠文)

12/12 Revising Style

BCW, Chapter 17. (莊博鈞、林烜立、楊中天、吳碩宸)

JJR, Chapter 10: Interview and Survey(蘇貞文、簡孝祐)

12/19 Some last considerations: the ethics of research

BCW, Chapter 18. (邱仕融、高安卓、李易軒、楊宇庭、呂偉頌)

JJR, Chapter 11: Univariate Data Analysis(蘇貞文、簡孝祐)

12/26 **Research Paper Discussions (HW-3 Due!)**

Please prepare your research plan for discussion.

JJR, Chapter 12: Bivariate Data Analysis(林靜惠、黃俊評)

01/02 Conclusions and Paper Discussions.

Please prepare your paper draft for discussion.

JJR, Chapter 13: Multivariate Data Analysis(林靜惠、黃俊評)

01/09 Conclusions and Paper Discussions.

Please prepare your paper draft for discussion.

JJR, Chapter 14: Research Report(萬維鈞、李靜惠)

01/16 **Final Report Due!!!**

Please turn in your paper to TA by noon. Late submission is subject to penalty.

Mid-term Report: Your Research Proposal

Due: November 21, 2012

Assignment: Develop your own research proposal on the issues in your professional interests by finding puzzle, developing research questions, hypothesis, and decide your research methods.

Step One: Find Research Questions (Examples)

Ask yourself which political actor in Japan has intrigued you the most so far. Then try zooming into their roles after 1993 and ask specific questions. For example,

- 1) What is the relationship between the Nippon Keidanren and the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) today? Do they still maintain a close relationship?
- 2) The Japanese Ministry of Finance never let a bank fail for most of the postwar period. Is it still true? If not, why did things change?
- 3) Does the Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry (METI) still play an active role in formulating Japan's industrial policy? If yes, have they been successful in choosing winners?
- 4) What happened to labor after 1993? Is there a chance for labor to gain enough political support to become a serious contender in Japanese politics?

Step Two: Establish Hypothesis & Theory

Now you have something to work with. Let's proceed with the question (1) from the list above. First, check out the Nippon Keidanren's website. Then, search for newspaper articles in *Japan Times*, *Asahi Shimbun*, *Mainichi Shimbun*, *Yomiuri Shimbun* (the latter three are in Japanese but all have an English edition as well) in the

internet on the relationship between Nippon Keidanren and the LDP by going into the website of these newspapers. You can also access the search engine for some of these newspapers at library.

Step Three: Research Methods

Write down your topic and list 5-10 sources that you have found from your search.

Final Report: Research Paper

Due: January 16, 2012

Step Four: Put your research into a research paper. The outline of your paper should be annotated with some evidences and their sources. For example:

I. Introduction (1-2 pages)

Thesis: Nippon Keidanren has broken ties with the LDP

II. History of Factional Politics (2-3 pages)

(sources)

III. Evidence of the Change (10 pages)

- 1) Reduction in donation to the LDP, examples (source);
- 2) Conflicting interests b/w Nippon Keidanren and LDP, examples (source);
- 3) Establishment of ties with the DPJ; examples (sources);
- 4) Policy recommendation against the LDP party interest; examples (sources);

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IV. Discussion of counter-argument and how you would answer it (10-15 pages)

- 1) Counter evidence that the relationship remains the same, examples (sources);
- 2) Your Explanation

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V. Conclusion (3-4 pages)

