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***ゼミタイトル Seminar Title** A Cross-cultural perspective of American cultural patterns.

***授業概要 Outline of the contents**

The seminar will begin with a discussion of the issues the effect the interactions between people from different cultures. This seminar will then look at the process of perception, the influence of language and culture, and nonverbal communication. In this seminar, we will look at American culture using four dimensions: 1) form of activity, 2) form of social relations, 3) perceptions of the world, 4) perceptions of self. We will look at American cultural patterns in more depth than in third-year seminar through of process where patterns are isolated out, analyzed, and compared cross-culturally. Lastly, we will look at cultural dimensions of communication and how this effects intercultural communication.

***授業の形式 How the class is conducted**

This seminar will employ an active learning approach where students will conduct an ethnography through observations and interviews to develop a better understanding of Americans and one's own culture. Classes will be used to discuss readings and present and discuss our research. Final projects will be presented to both 3rd and 4th year seminar participants.

***課題・成績評価基準 Requirements and Assessment**

You will be graded based on (a) personal reflections, (b) homework tasks, and (c) research projects.

***その他 Others**

You will be required to participate actively in discussions and activities in class. This class will be conducted in English and involve online collaborative work with students in other parts of the world. Students will also be asked conduct on-site observations. Additionally, students will need to conduct interviews with Americans outside of the classroom.