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Title	2016年米大統領選挙の総括 ~歴史的比較も踏まえて An Analysis and Review of U.S. Presidential Election 2016: With Historical Comparison
Abstract	Donald Trump won the Presidential election of the United States of America in 2016 and took office in the following year with a strong message "America First". What was its meaning and implications for the U.S. and the world including Japan? It might imply that the U.S. no longer wishes to lead the world, and also may symbolize the relative decline of U.S. power. Is this the beginning of the end of the "Era of the U.S."? This article argues that the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) revolution has accelerated globalization and widening income divide among people, and that the ongoing fundamental change is so fast that it is increasingly difficult for modern politics and journalism to cope with.

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Title	日本における政治代表のメカニズムの分析 —4つの事例の比較検証— Patterns of Political Representation in Japan
Abstract	This research examines the mechanism of political representation in which public opinion is reflected in policy outcomes, using Japanese politics as a case study. In order to capture the dynamics of public opinion, this research adopts the concept of the policy mood, especially the mood to introduce relief measures. In the spectrum of moods for relief, four patterns of political representation can be classified: (1) when the mood for relief rises, the government increases compensation (predicted case), (2) when the mood for relief falls, the government decreases compensation (opposite), and (4) when the mood for relief falls, the government increases compensation (opposite). By examining specific policies, in opposite cases, government decision—making was influenced by an employers' association such as the Japan Federation of Economic Organizations. Even during a time when the mood for relief was restrained among the public, the government tried to offer greater compensation due to pressure from the employers' association. This suggests that government policy making is

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, 10001 400	The field of Mind, Brain, and Education focuses on neurological, psychological and educational research into how people learn and what kinds of interventions might enhance learning. While the learning in Study Abroad situations is often considered to be mainly formal and classroom-based, the author argues that most of the scope for learning offered by SA is informal and occurs outside the classroom. This paper examines how the strongest principles from Mind, Brain, and Education can be applied to informal learning in Study Abroad situations and suggests ways in which this learning can be supported by professionals who work with Study Abroad

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1	Thou Shalt Not Shame Thy Name: For the Clearance of Japan's Subjugated Relationship with the United States
Abstract	Japan is not free from the "legacy" of the US occupation established by the Potsdam Declaration of 1945. Article 9 of the Constitution of 1946, the San Francisco Peace Treaty of 1951, the US-Japan Security Treaty of 1951, and the US-Japan Administrative Agreement of 1951 shaped the US-Japan security relationship. That conqueror's negative legacy is rooted in Article 107 of the UN Charter, which stipulates: Nothing in the present Charter shall invalidate or preclude action, in relation to any state which during the Second World War has been an enemy of any signatory to the present Charter, taken or authorized as a result of that war by the Governments having responsibility for such action. The United States had a "free hand" in the use of Japan's territorial space (land, air and sea) during the occupation. It wanted to keep that freedom even after the peace treaty, which would have restored the independence of a defeated Japan, was concluded. The United States, pursuant to the US-Japan Security Treaty, crafted a device in the US-Japan Administrative Agreement to enjoy such freedom of action, which still remains effective today unless we replace the US-

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Title	A Study of Community Activities of Common Facilities in Condominiums: A Case study of Large-scale Condominiums in Hyogo, Osaka and Kyoto Prefecture
Abstract	A lot of common facilities in condominiums are supplied with the word of "community" by property developers. And, not only they supply common facilities but also they supply community activities with common facilities and supporter of community activities. However, are there good community and good community activities in common facilities? This research reveals that what common facilities were supplied and how they used by tenants to make good community activities.

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Title	原子力災害における「リスク」と「危険」 Risk and Danger of Nuclear Power Disaster
Abstract	This study reviews the risk of nuclear power disasters from the perspective of risk science and risk sociology. Based on a methodological distinction between risk and danger developed by Niklas Luhmann, this report considers the distinction between the risks that society had permitted in exchange for public interest and the dangers that society had not permitted. The conclusion of this report is that the risk and the danger of a nuclear power disaster are fundamentally different, especially with respect to decision

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Title	Towards a Process Approach:Introducing Decoding Activities to a Low-Level Listening Course	
Abstract	This article is a response to Field's (2008) call for listening syllabus designers and teachers to pay more attention to the processes of successful listening in the second language classroom. Revisions made to a low-level English listening course for Japanese university students are discussed. First, the problems faced by Japanese students in a listening EFL classroom are described, including a brief comparison of the phonology of Japanese and English, and a short critique of existing methodologies in the listening classroom. Next, a series of microlistening activities introduced to the listening course are outlined, including the rationale for selecting them. Finally, plans to introduce diagnostic activities into the listening syllabus are explained, including the creation of a bank of short decoding activities.	
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