

Part-time (Hijokin) Instructor Position: Political Ecology

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The Faculty of Liberal Arts at Sophia University invites applications for a non-tenured, part-time (hijokin) instructor position to teach **Political Ecology** in the Spring semester (April through July) 2027.

The successful applicant will be responsible for teaching one course (2 credits) focused on important and urgent social-ecological issues. Political Ecology is an emerging field that invites researchers to engage in interdisciplinary research investigating complex and yet closely intertwined social and ecological relations. The class meets once a week for a 100-minute session. Classes are scheduled either on Tuesdays or on Fridays and meet in the morning or afternoon. Students in this English-medium instruction program have advanced English proficiency.

The position is not renewable. Teaching duties and their locations are subject to change as determined by Sophia School Corporation. Salary and benefits are based on Sophia's rules and regulations.

Qualifications:

- Ph.D. in Political Science, Political Geography, Environmental Anthropology, Environmental Sociology, Environmental Studies or a closely related field
- Teaching experience at the university level is desirable
- Relevant research and teaching interests
- Familiarity with the Faculty of Liberal Arts and its students (see <https://fla.sophia.ac.jp/>)
- Non-Japanese citizens must hold a valid visa permitting employment in Japan. Sophia University is unable to sponsor a work visa

Applicants should email a cover letter, CV, and sample syllabus (14 sessions/topics) to takeshi.ito[at]sophia.ac.jp. The cover letter should include the applicant's suitability for teaching in the FLA. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Only applicants selected for interview will be contacted.

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