

## **International Relations, Interactive History and IT**

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### **Introduction**

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**Georgetown University, 1980-1989**

**Keio University at SFC, 1900-present**

**/Areas of Research and Teaching interests**

**Comparative Modernization**

**International Relations**

**Ageing in Comparative Perspective**

**Migrant Workers in Comparative Perspective**

## **Disclaimers**

**Use of English as the official language for the program:  
an old “dominant” language in a new environment**

**Face-to-Face lecture as opposed to Faceless contact**

**Contradictions in Contents-led E-learning**

## **International Relations: Conventional Practice**

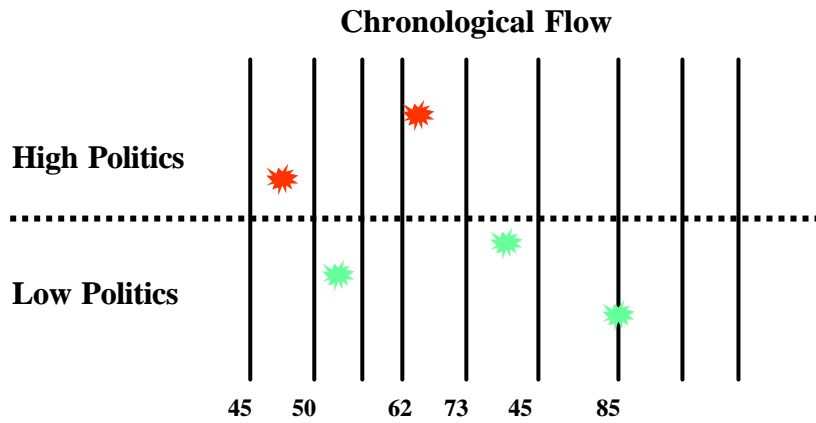
### **High and Low Politics Distinction among Events**

**High Politics:** Security, Freedom from the Threats of Violence

**Low Politics:** Well-being of people,

### **Chronological Ordering of Events**

International Relations: Conventional Practice



International Relations: Conventional Practice

A Hierarchy of “Events”

Focus upon the “prominent” events

Marginalization of other events

Dislocation of “local” perspectives

An *Invisible* East Asia

**A Tool for a New International Relations: An Interactive Archive?**

**“Life” vs. Events**

**Histories vs. History**

**Participation vs. Observation**

**Observations: E-Learning against E-Learning**

***Routinized Contents:* Foreign Languages, Basic IT Technologies, Driving Techniques, Cooking Recipes...**

***Uniform Results:* No Deviant Performance**

***Mass Production:* One Content – Many Recipients**



***Interactivity***

**Local Perspective and Knowledge**

**Capturing/Reflecting diversity**

## **Network Campus Initiative**

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