

Course Title	:	Politics and Economics of Contemporary China
Course Code	:	SSC202
Recommended Study Year	:	2 and 3
No. of Credits/ Term	:	3
Mode of Tuition	:	Lecture-Tutorial
Class Contact Hours	:	Three hours per week
Category in Major Prog	:	Stream required
Discipline	:	Politics
Prerequisite(s)	:	None
Co-requisite(s)	:	None
Exclusion(s)	:	None
Exemption Requirements(s):	:	None
Instructors	:	Dr. C. P. Chan and Professor Ma Yue
Teaching Period	:	1 st Term, 2008-09

Brief Course Description

This course provides an introduction to Chinese politics and economy. The focus is on the political and economic institutions, political movements and economic developments, and the external economic relations. The course will cover developments under the regimes of Mao Zedong, Deng Xiaoping, Jiang Zemin, and the new leadership of Hu and Wen. Basic theories, interpretations and data related to the development of contemporary China will be discussed.

Aims

This course aims to prepare the students for independent thinking and understanding on the aspect of modern China, introducing some of the current controversies and debates in the transition period of China. It is intended to provide a basic understanding of some of the thematic complexities surrounding major areas of economic and political reforms, and to expose the students with the practical issues of contemporary China.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 1) understand the fundamental organizations in China; and
- 2) evaluate critically the past and recent development and process of the political and economic systems in the mainland China; and
- 3) communicate basic Chinese political and economic development and process clearly and effectively in both oral and written forms.

Assessment of learning outcomes

1. Students are evaluated for their tutorial performance based on class attendance and participation in discussion (20%).
2. Two term papers, respectively on Chinese politics and economics (15% each).
3. A final examination aimed to test students' overall understanding of course materials (50%).

Dr. Chan will lecture and tutor the Politics part from September 1 to October 23; Professor Ma will lecture and tutor the Economics part from October 27 to December 4. Final examination will be held in the exam weeks according to the school's exam schedule.

Indicative Content

Politics

- I. Class Struggle under Mao (Wang, ch. 2)
 - a. The early years
 - b. The Cultural Revolution
 - c. The struggle for succession, 1970-76
- II. The Chinese Communist Party since 1949 (Wang, chs. 3, 4)
 - a. Party Ideology: from Marxism to Jiang Zemin's Thought (Wang, ch. 3)
 - b. The Party: organs and functions (Wang, ch. 4)
- III. The PRC Government (Wang, ch. 4)
 - a. Structure and process
 - b. Relationships with the CCP
- IV. Democracy and Dissent in China (Wang, ch. 10)
 - a. The nature of dissident movement.
 - b. The mass movements in the 1970s and the 1980s
 - c. The 1989 Tiananmen mass movement.

Term paper for Politics

You have a choice for your term paper, either a **book review** or a **short analytical paper**.

If you choose to write a book review, you can choose any book (English or Chinese, but the review should be written in English) as long as it is on the topic of Chinese politics. Textbook on Chinese politics is an exception. Let me know the title of your chosen book beforehand.

Book review is not a summary. The review should be critical and with your own comments. Refer to the published book reviews in the journals listed above.

If you choose to write an analytical paper, the paper should be an answer to one of the following questions:

1. What is the nature of the Cultural Revolution?
2. What is the nature of the 1989 Tiananmen mass movement?

Book review or analytical paper should be typed in double-spaced and strictly limited to 3-4 pages in length. The due date for the paper is 3rd of November (Monday). Professor Ma will collect the papers for me. More details will be explained in class.

Readings for Politics

Essential

Wang, James C.F. 2002. Contemporary Chinese Politics; An Introduction. 7th Edition. Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice-Hall. (put on reserve in the library)

Supplementary

(The following books are useful for writing papers or for more in-depth study of individual topics.)

Baum, Richard. 1994. Burying Mao -- Chinese Politics in the Age of Deng Xiaopin. Englewood Cliff, New Jersey: Princeton University Press.

Bianco, Lucien. 1971. Origins of the Chinese Revolution. Stanford: Stanford University Press.

Chan, Anita, Richard Madsen, and Jonathan Unger. 1984. Chen Village. Berkeley, CA.: University of California Press.

Chang, Gordon. 2001. The Coming Collapse of China. New York: Random House.

Christiansen, Flemming and Shirin M. Rai. 1996. Chinese Politics and Society: an Introduction. London: Prentice Hall.

- Dreyer, June Teufel. 2004. China's Political System: Modernization and Tradition. 4th Edition. New York: Longman
- Goodman, David (ed.). 1988. China's Regional Development. London: Routledge.
- Goodman, David and G. Segal (eds). 1990. China at Forty. 2nd edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Harding, Harry. 1987. China's Second Revolution: Reform After Mao. Washington: Brookings.
- He, Baogang. 1996. The Democratization of China. New York: Routledge.
- Howell, Jude. 1993. China Opens its Doors: the Politics of Economic Transition. Boulder, Colorado: Lynne Rienner Publishers.
- Lam, Wo-lap, Willy. 1994. China after Deng Xiaoping. Hong Kong: PA Professional Consultants Ltd.
- Lam, Wo-lap, Willy. 1999. The Era of Jiang Zemin, Singapore: Simon and Schuster (Asia).
- Lee, Ching Kwan. 1998. Gender and the South China Miracle: Two Worlds of Factory Women. Berkeley, Calif.: University of California Press.
- Lee, Hong Yung. 1978. The Politics of the Chinese Cultural Revolution. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.
- Lieberthal, Kenneth and Michael Oksenberg. 1988. Policy Making in China. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Lieberthal, Kenneth. 1995. Governing China: from Revolution through Reform. New York: W. W. Norton & Co.
- Liu, Alan P. L. 1986. How China is Ruled. Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice Hall.
- Ogden, Suzanne. 1992. China's Unresolved Issues. Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice-Hall.
- Oi, Jean C.. 1990. State and Peasant in Contemporary China. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.
- Oksenberg, Michael et.al (eds.). 1990. Beijing Spring, 1989. Armonk, New York: East Gate Book.
- Parish, W. L. and M. K. Whyte. 1978. Village and Family in Contemporary China. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Perry, Elizabeth J. and Mark Selden (eds). 2000. Chinese Society: Change, Conflict and Resistance. New York: Routledge.

- Perry, Elizabeth J. 1993. Shanghai on Strike: the Politics of Chinese Labor. Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press.
- Pye, Lucian W. 1991. China: an Introduction, 4th ed., New York-. Harper Collins.
- Pye, Lucian W. 1968. The Spirit of Chinese Politics. Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press.
- Schram, Stuart. 1989. The Thought of Mao Tse-Tung. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Shih, Chih-yu. 1999. Collective Democracy-Political and Legal Reform in China, Hong Kong: The Chinese University of Hong Kong.
- Shue, Vivienne. 1988. The Reach of the State. Stanford: Stanford University Press.
- Vogel, Ezra (ed.). 1997. Living with China-US-China Relations in the Twenty-first Century. New York: W.W. Norton & Company.
- Walder, Andrew G. 1986. Communist Neo-Traditionalism: Work And Authority in Post-Revolution China. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.
- Wasserstrom, Jeffrey N. and Elizabeth J. Perry (eds.) 1994. Popular Protest and Political Culture in Modern China. Boulder: Westview Press.
- Whyte, Martin King and W.L. Parish. 1987. Urban Life in Contemporary China. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Zhao, Suisheng (ed.). 2000. China and Democracy: Reconsidering the Prospects for a Democratic China. New York: Routledge.
- 費正清等(編). 劍橋中華人民共和國史(1949-1969). (中譯本). 北京: 中國社會科學院. 1998.
- 費正清等(編). 劍橋中華人民共和國史(1966-1982). (中譯本). 北京: 中國社會科學院. 1998.
- 浦興明等著: 中華人民共和國政治制度 香港: 三聯, 1995.
- 王耀宗(編) 神州五十年: 香港的視野 香港: 牛津出版社 2000.
- 浦興祖、丁榮生等著 中華人民共和國 香港: 三聯 1995.
- 鄭念著 上海生與死 台北: 龍和 1998.
- 梁恆著 革命之子 台北: 時報書系 1983.
- 廖光生著 排外與中國政治 香港: 中文大學 1987.

Ellis Joffe: 解放軍---曲折的現代化進程 香港: 明報 1989.

楊君實著 現代化與中國共產主義 香港:中文大學 1987.

程介明著 中國教育改革 香港:商務 1992.

王紹光著 理性與瘋狂---文化大革命中的群眾 香港:牛津出版社 1993.

丁學良著 共產主義後與中國 香港:牛津出版社 1994.

鄒讜. 二十世紀中國政治. : 從宏觀歷史與微觀行動角度看. 香港: 牛津.1994.

Selected Journals

The China Journal (Australian Journal of Chinese Affairs)

Asian Studies

Asian Survey

China Quarterly

China Information

China Report

Journal of Contemporary China

Modern China

Beijing Review

Issues and Studies

Indicative Content of Economics part

Part I. Introduction: The Failure of Central Planning

Part II. An Overview of China's Economic Reform

Section 1.

Economic Reforms and Open Door Policies since 1978

Sequence of Economic Reform

Review question: Discuss, with examples, the strategy of economic reforms in China

Section 2.

Agricultural Reform

Rural-Urban Migration

Reform of Foreign Trade Regime

Foreign Exchange Regime Reforms

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in China

Section 3.

State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) Reform

Social Security System Reform

Monetary Policy and Financial System Reform

WTO and Institutional Reform

Part III. Regional economic policies

1. Central-local government relations after the 1994 Fiscal Reform

2. Regional uneven development

Conclusion

Readings for Economics

Basic reading (recommended to buy and for term paper preparations):

Brandt, Loren, and Thomas G. Rawski (2008) *China's Great Economic Transformation*, Cambridge University Press, ISBN: 9780521712903

General readings:

A very good, although a bit outdated, book on Chinese economic reform can be downloaded free (!) from the website of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australian Government: *China Embraces the Market*, 448 pages, Economic Analytical Unit, 1997, www.dfat.gov.au/publications/catalogue/china_embraces.html

Naughton, Barry, *Growing Out of the Plan: Chinese Economic Reform, 1978-1993*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995.

Riskin, Carl, *China's Political Economy: The Quest for Development Since 1949*, New York: Oxford University Press, 1987.

Joseph C.H. Chai, *China: Transition to a Market Economy*, Oxford: Oxford University (the Clarendon Press), 1997.

Andrew G. Walder, ed., *China's Transitional Economy*, Oxford Clarendon Press, 1996.

Y.Y. Kueh, Joseph C.H. Chai, and Gang Fan, eds., *Industrial Reform and Macroeconomic Instability in China*, Oxford Clarendon Press, 1999.

Goodman, David (ed.). 1988. *China's Regional Development*. London: Routledge.