

POL305 China in World Politics

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Introduction and Learning Outcomes:

The turn of this century has witnessed China's rising international status in the global arena. Determined to be an important player in a post-Cold War world, China has been carrying out a pragmatic foreign policy to ensure a favorable environment for its economic growth. Chinese foreign policy has never been seen to be as active and confident as in the first years of the 21st century. Despite some ups and downs, China's relations with all the major powers as well as its neighboring countries are at its best time since the establishment of the People's Republic more than half century ago.

This course offers both theoretical frameworks and practical guidance for our quest to explore various issues of contemporary Chinese foreign relations. We will discuss China's foreign policy-making mechanisms and various approaches to foreign policy studies, followed by an introduction to China's relations with the other major powers, with its neighboring states, and with important international organizations. Students should be able to comprehend and appraise China's foreign policy successes, failures or limitations toward the countries, issues and groupings covered in the lectures and tutorials by the end of the course.

Measurement of Learning Outcomes:

Learning outcomes are measured on the basis of students' performance during tutorial discussions and presentations (for active participation in class and knowledgeable conceptualization of a topic framework constructed on the advice of the instructor), on the term paper (in which analysis of the topic is demonstrated in a clear, logical, detailed and well-organized manner), and on the examination (to assess students' overall knowledge of key concepts and core factual information relating to the course and ability to discuss the foreign policy choices and constraints open to the Chinese leadership).

Assessment:

Continuous assessment takes 60% of the final grade – 10% for participation in tutorial discussions; 15% for presentation in the tutorial of an organizational outline and short (1-2 pages) proposal for a term paper; and 35% for the term paper. An end-of-term examination will make up the remainder 40% of the course grade.

Students' participation is vitally important to the success of this course, so please contribute to discussions in class. The topic for class presentation and term paper should be finalized with the instructor at least one week before the presentation. The term paper should be about 2000 words, including references, to be submitted no more than three

weeks after the presentation. For citation, please refer to Chicago Manual of Style (2003) – 15th Ed. or A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations by Kate L. Turabian - 6th Ed.

Note:

Students shall be aware of the University regulations about dishonest practice in course work and the possible consequences as stipulated in the Regulations Governing University Examinations.

Grades for late submission of course work will be deducted on a progressive scale.

Lecture Outline:

(Refer to the “Required Reading List” below for book chapters and journal articles)

1. Introduction to the course
2. The shaping of China’s Foreign Policy and China’s Changing Role in Asia: K & W, chapters 9 & 1
3. Process and International Structure in the Making of Chinese Foreign Policy: Kim, chapters 2 & 3
4. China’s Approaches to Sovereignty, Intervention and Peacekeeping: Carlson; Gill and Reilly
5. Sino-American Relations: K & F, chapter 5; Lampton
6. Sino-Japanese Relations: K & W, chapters 10 & 11
7. Sino-Korean Relations: K & W, chapters 12 & 13
8. Sino-Russian: K & F, chapter 4; Goldstein pp. 136-143
9. Sino-Indian Relations: Yuan; Goldstein pp. 168-172
10. China and ASEAN: K & W, chapters 14 & 15
11. China’s Energy Diplomacy: Zweig and Bi; Gill, Huang and Morrison
12. Foreign Policy of a Rising China: K & F, chapter 9; Buzan & Foot, chapter 10

Required Reading List:

There are two main readings for this course: Judith F. Kornberg and John R. Faust, *China in World Politics: Policies, Processes, Prospects* (Boulder and London: Lynne Rienner, 2005) [RES DS779.27 F 395 2005] and Kokubun Ryosei and Wang Jisi, ed., *Rise of China and a Changing East Asian Order* (Tokyo and New York: JCIE, 2004)

[RES DS518.15 .R47 2004]. Copies of these books have been placed on 3-hour reserves in the Library.

Other required readings also placed on 3-hour reserves in the Library are: Samuel Kim, ed., *China and the World: Chinese foreign policy faces the new millennium*. 4th edition (Boulder, CO: Westview, 1998) [RES DS779.27 C4875 1998]; Foreword and Barry Buzan, "How and to whom does China matter?" in Barry Buzan and Rosemary Foot, ed., *Does China Matter? A Reassessment* (London: Routledge, 2004), pp. 143-164 [RES DS779.27 .D64 2004]; Allen Carlson, "More Than Just Saying No: China's Evolving Approach to Sovereignty and Intervention since Tiananmen," in Alastair Iain Johnston and Robert Ross, ed., *New Directions in the Study of China's Foreign Policy* (Stanford, CA: Stanford, 2006) [RES DS779.27 .N49 2006]; and Avery Goldstein, *Rising to the Challenge: China's Grand Strategy and International Security* (Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2005), pp. 136-176 [RES POL 305.1].

Also refer to: David Zweig and Bi Jianhai, "China's Global Hunt for Energy," *Foreign Affairs*, Volume 84, No. 5, pp. 25-38 [[SER] D410 .F67 v.84 no.5 2005]; Jingdong Yuan, "India's Rise After Pokharan II," *Asian Survey*, 41:6, pp. 978-1001 [SER] DS1 .S87 v.41 2001]; Bates Gill, Chin-hao Huang and J. Stephen Morrison; "Assessing China's Growing Influence in Africa," *China Security*, Volume 3, No. 3, Summer 2007, pp. 3-21 [<http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/about/pdfs/china-africa.pdf>]; Bates Gill and James Reilly, "Sovereignty, Intervention and Peacekeeping: The View from Beijing," *Survival*, Volume 42, No. 3, Autumn 2000, pp. 41-59 [http://csis.org/files/media/isis/press/00fallgill_reilly.pdf]; and David M. Lampton, "Testimony 'China on the Eve of the Olympics,'" Hearing, Committee on Foreign Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives, July 23, 2008 [<http://foreignaffairs.house.gov/110/lam072308.pdf>]

These texts should be regarded as essential background readings. Students are also expected to read the supplementary readings and update themselves on information from the Internet and/or printed media.

Recommended Reading List:

(This is only a partial list of recommended readings. Students are expected to read newspapers and magazines such as Renmin ribao and Beijing Review regularly, and to visit news websites on the Internet often, to get the latest information on Chinese foreign policy and China's foreign relations.)

I. Books:

1. James E. Dougherty & Robert L. Pfaltzgraff, Jr., *Contending Theories of International Relations*. 4th ed. New York: Longman, 1997.
2. James C. F. Wang, *Contemporary Chinese Politics*. 7th ed. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2002.
3. Andrew Nathan and Robert Ross, *Great Wall and the Empty Fortress* W.W. Norton & Co., 1997.
4. Denny Roy, *China's Foreign Relations*. Basingstoke: Macmillan, 1998.

5. Zhao Suisheng, *China's Foreign Policy: Pragmatism and Strategic Behavior*. Armonk, NY: M. E. Sharpe, 2004.
6. Barry Buzan and Rosemary Foot, *Does China Matter? A Reassessment*. London: Routledge, 2004.
7. Alastair Iain Johnston and Robert Ross, *New Directions in the Study of China's Foreign Policy*. Stanford, CA: Stanford, 2006.
8. William W. Keller and Thomas G. Rawski, *China's Rise and the Balance of Influence in Asia*. Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2007.
9. Susan L. Shirk, *China: Fragile Superpower*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2007.

II. Articles and Book Chapters:

1. Michel Oksenberg, "Will China Democratize?" *Journal of Democracy*, 9:1, Jan. 1998:27-34.
2. Peter Hays Gries, "China Eyes the Hegemon," *Orbis*, Summer 2005: 401-412.
3. Thomas Christensen, "Chinese Realpolitik," *Foreign Affairs*, 75, Sept/Oct 1996:37-52.
4. Yong Deng, "The Chinese Conception of National Interests in International Relations," *The China Quarterly*, 154, Jun. 1998:308-329.
5. Denny Roy, "The Sources and Limits of Sino-Japanese Tensions," *Survival*, 47, 2, Summer 2005:191-214.
6. Zhang Yunling, "China in the Post-Cold War Era," in Hans-Henrik Holm & Georg Sorensen, eds., *Whose World Order?* Boulder, CO: Westview, 1995:89-102.
7. David Shambaugh, "China Engages Asia – Reshaping the Regional Order," *International Security*, 29, 3, Winter 2004/05:64-99.
8. Nicholas Khoo and Michael L. R. Smith, David Shambaugh "Correspondence: China Engages Asia? Caveat Lector," *International Security*, 30, 1, Summer 2005: 196-211.
9. Alastair Ian Johnston, "Beijing's Security Behavior in the Asia-Pacific: Is China a Dissatisfied Power? In Muthiah Alagappa, ed., *Rethinking Security in East Asia*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2004:34-96.
10. Nicholas D. Kristof, "The Problem of Memory," *Foreign Affairs*, 77, 6, Nov/Dec 1998:37-49.
11. J. N. Mak, "The Asia-Pacific Security Order," in Anthony McGrew & Christopher Brook, eds., *Asia-Pacific in the New World Order*. London: Routledge, 1998:88-120.
12. Ming Wan, "Human Rights in China 1997: Domestic Politics and Foreign Policy," in Joseph Y. Cheng, ed., *China Review 1998*. HK: Chinese UP, 1998:209-234.
13. Derek McDougall, *Asia Pacific in World Politics*, Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 2007: 115-143. ("The Sino-US Relationship")
14. Chris Alden, "China in Africa," *Survival*, 47, 3, Autumn 2005: 147-164.

III. Websites:

1. PRC Ministry of Foreign Affairs: <http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/english/dhtml/>
2. PRC Embassy to the US: <http://www.china-embassy.org/>
3. PRC Embassy to UK: <http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/Diplomacy/diplomacy.htm>
4. Inside China: <http://www.insidechina.com/>
5. People's Daily on-line edition: <http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/home.html>