

<b>Course Title</b>	:	Politics and Economics of Contemporary China
<b>Course Code</b>	:	SSC202
<b>Recommended Study Year</b>	:	2 and 3
<b>No. of Credits/ Term</b>	:	3
<b>Mode of Tuition</b>	:	Lecture-Tutorial
<b>Class Contact Hours</b>	:	Three hours per week
<b>Category in Major Prog</b>	:	Stream required
<b>Discipline</b>	:	Political Science and Economics
<b>Prerequisite(s)</b>	:	None
<b>Co-requisite(s)</b>	:	None
<b>Exclusion(s)</b>	:	None
<b>Exemption Requirements(s)</b>	:	None
<b>Instructors</b>	:	Professor Ma, Yue馬躍; and Dr. C. P. Chan
<b>Teaching Period</b>	:	1 <sup>st</sup> Term, 2009-10

### **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 current 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 economics and politics (15% each).
3. A final examination aimed to test students' overall understanding of course materials (50%).

Professor Ma will lecture and Laurel will tutor the Economics part from September 2 to October 16; Dr. Chan will lecture and tutor the Politics part from October 21 to December 4. Final examination will be held in the exam weeks according to the University's exam schedule.

## **Student practices**

1. Students are advised to have the relevant readings done before attending the lectures. Keeping up with the readings, especially from the main course textbook, is essential for achieving the learning objectives of this course. An important function of the tutorials is to reinforce the learning from the lectures and students' readings.
2. Students are encouraged to regularly read a quality newspaper and watch television news broadcasts and to analyze events on Chinese politics and economics, as we hope to connect real-world events to the themes and ideas raised in the textbook and the lectures.
3. **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. Cheating in examination, plagiarism and multiple submission of course work are considered as such dishonest practices.**
4. Penalty will be given to late term papers. Late Submission of the Course Work within 5 working days after the due date will be deducted by one grade for the term paper, for example if the submission is graded as B+, it will be recorded as B. Late submissions beyond 5 working days of the due date will receive "F" grade for the term paper.

## **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 Economics 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](http://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.

Term paper for Economics (15 marks)

Term paper for Econ part is a book chapter review:

Each student will be assigned a book chapter randomly. The deadline of submission of the Econ term paper is the last lecture at 1:30pm on 14 Oct 2009.

1. China's great economic transformation
2. China and development economics Alan Heston and Terry
3. China in light of the performance of Central and East European economies Jan Svejnar;
4. A political economy of China's economic transition Barry
5. The demographic factor in China's transition Wang Feng and
6. The Chinese labor market in the reform era Fang Cai, Albert
7. Education in the reform era Emily Hannum, Jere Behrman,
8. Environmental resources and economic growth James
9. Science and technology in China Albert G. Z. Hu and Gary H.
10. The political economy of private sector development in China Stephan Haggard and Yasheng Huang;
11. The role of law in China's economic development Donald
12. China's fiscal system: a work in progress Christine P. W.
13. Agriculture in China's development: past disappointments, recent successes and future challenges Jikun Huang, Keijiro
14. China's financial system: past, present, and future Franklin Allen, Jun Qian and Meijun Qian;
15. China's industrial development Loren Brandt, Thomas G.
16. China's embrace of globalization Lee Branstetter and
17. Growth and structural transformation in China Loren
18. Income inequality during China's economic transition
19. Spatial dimensions of Chinese economic development Kam
20. Forecasting China's economic growth over the next two decades Dwight H. Perkins and Thomas G. Rawski.

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Office hour: Mondays: 4:30 – 5:30; Fridays: 10:30-12:30; 3:30 – 4:30 and by appointments.

## **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 Hu Jintao'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. You cannot work on a textbook on Chinese politics. Let me know the title of your chosen book beforehand. Send me email and inform me the **name, author(s), publishing year and publisher** of the book before September 25. I will return you email and tell you whether you can work on your chosen book. If you are not sure whether your chosen book is an appropriate one, come and discuss with me beforehand. (Bring me the book with you if possible.)

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 below.

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 4-5 pages in length. The due date for the paper is 4th of December (Friday). More details will be explained later in class.

As you can imagine, writing a book review is a more difficult and more work involved than writing a short critical paper; so if you choose to write a book review, some bonus marks will be given (i.e., 8 marks).

### **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 book reviews 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.
- Ding, X. L. 1994. The Decline of Communism in China: Legitimacy Crisis, 1977-1989. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Dreyer, June Teufel. 2004. China's Political System: Modernization and Tradition. 4<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Yang, Dali L. 2004. Remaking the Chinese Leviathan: Market Transition and the Politics of Governance in China. California: Stanford University Press.
- Zhao, Suisheng (ed.). 2000. China and Democracy: Reconsidering the Prospects for a Democratic China. New York: Routledge.
- Zhao Ziyang. 2009. Prisoner of the State: the Secret Journal of Zhao Ziyang. New York: Simon and Schuster.
- 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.
- 趙紫陽: 改革歷程 香港: 新世紀出版社, 2009
- 陳祖為 梁文韜(編): 政治理論在中國 香港: 牛津大學出版社 2001
- 宗鳳鳴記述 趙紫陽軟禁中的談話 香港: 開放出版社, 2007
- 宋強, 張藏藏, 喬邊等著 中國可以說不 香港: 明報出版社有限公司, 1996
- 宋曉軍著 中國不高興 香港: 中華書局(香港)有限公司, 2009

### **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

**Lingnan University**  
**Student's Declaration Against Dishonest Practice**

Student's Name : \_\_\_\_\_ ( Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_ )

All students are required to comply with the stipulated rules and regulations of the University as stated in the University Calendar. In particular, students shall be aware of the university regulations about dishonest practice in course work and the possible consequence, which are quoted at the back.

Students' attention is drawn to the definition of plagiarism, i.e. "the presentation of another person's work without proper acknowledgement of the source, whether protected by copyright or not, as the student's own work". All quotations and paraphrases taken or derived from the work of other scholars should be properly acknowledged within the text of all assignments, and full bibliographic details of books/articles/websites used should be included in the reference list.

Students shall note that dishonest practice cases may be referred to the Student Disciplinary Committee.

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I undertake to comply with all the rules and regulations of the University regarding dishonest practice and those as stipulated above.

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

## **Extract from Regulations Governing University Examinations**

### **5. Dishonest Practice in Course Work**

- 5.1 If a student attempts to gain an advantage in the assessment of his/her work by collusion, falsification of data, plagiarism, or any other form of dishonest practice, it will be regarded as a case of cheating.
- 5.2 Cheating in course work may take any one of the following forms:
- (a) Collusion - where a student misrepresents a piece of unauthorised group work as his/her own work.
  - (b) Falsification of Data - where the presentation of data in reports, projects or research papers, which is purported to be based on experimental or research work conducted by the student, has actually been invented by the student, copied or obtained by unfair means.
  - (c) Plagiarism - the presentation of another person's work without proper acknowledgement of the source, whether protected by copyright or not, as the student's own work.
  - (d) Any other form of dishonest practice in course work.
- 5.3 Any staff member who has reason to believe that a student has cheated should inform the Chairman of the Board of Examiners concerned and provide him/her with all the relevant facts of the case.
- 5.4 The Board of Examiners will consider whether there is a case of cheating.
- 5.5 A student considered to have cheated in course work should be given a zero mark for that particular piece of work. The case may be brought to the Student Disciplinary Committee if the Programme Director/Head of Academic Unit concerned deems it necessary to do so.