

Course Title	:	Government and Politics of Contemporary China
Course Code	:	POL201
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	:	CAPA stream elective
Discipline	:	Political Science
Prerequisite(s)	:	None
Co-requisite(s)	:	None
Exclusion(s)	:	None
Exemption Requirements(s)	:	None
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Brief Course Description

This course covers the introduction to Chinese politics. It deals with fundamental components of the political and social systems of the People's Republic of China. Students will be introduced to the major program, institutions and developments under the regimes of Mao Zedong, Deng Xiaoping, Jiang Zemin, and the current leadership of Hu and Wen. Throughout the course, basic interpretations and data related to the development of modern China would be informed and 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 social 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 social and political systems in the mainland China; and

- 3) communicate basic Chinese social and political 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, participation in discussion and presentation (10% each, altogether 30%).
2. A book review on Chinese politics (30%).
3. A final examination aimed to test students' overall understanding of course materials (40%).

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 society, 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 (one minor grade deduction, e.g., B+ → B within three days; one major grade deduction, e.g., B+ → C+ between 4 and 7 days; F grade after one week).

Indicative Content

- I. Overview of the Field of Study: Methodology, Approach and Issues
- II. The Politics of Modernization (Wang, chs. 11 and 12)
 - a. The rural reform
 - b. The urban reform
 - c. Education, Science and Technology, and Treatment of Intellectuals
- III. The PRC Public Administration (Wang, ch.5)
 - a. The development of the Chinese bureaucracy: the cadre system
 - b. The new civil service system
 - c. Reform of the bureaucracy

- IV. The Chinese Legal System (Wang ch. 6)
 - a. The criminal code and human rights violations
 - b. The Public Security Bureau: law enforcement
 - c. The National Security Agency and state security

- V. The People's Liberation Army (Wang, ch 9)
 - a. The political role of the PLA
 - b. Civil-military relationships
 - c. Military modernization

- VI. Mass Media: Liberalization and Controls (Xiao; Price, ch. 2)

- VII. Centre – Local Relationship (Wang, chs. 8 and 7)
 - a. The Special Administrative Region: Hong Kong and Macao.
 - b. Local governments: changing centre - provincial relationship.
 - c. Ethnic politics: the Hans - non-Hans relationship.

Term paper and tutorial presentation

You have to work on a **book review**. You can choose any book (English or Chinese, but the review should be written in English) within the topics which we cover in this course. You cannot work on a textbook on Chinese politics or other topics not covered here. Also, if you took my SSC202 last term and if you worked on a book review for that course, you cannot work on a review for the same book.

Let me know the title of your chosen book before February 5th (Friday). Send me email and inform me the **name, author(s), publishing year and publisher** of the book. 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.

The book review should be typed in double-spaced and strictly limited to 4-5 pages in length. The due date for the paper is 19th of April (Monday).

You need to present your book review in the last few sessions of the tutorial class. More details will be explained in class.

Readings

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.)

Xiao Qiang, "The 'blog' revolution sweeps across China," *New Scientist*, November 24, 2004. [<http://www.newscientist.com/article/dn6707>]

Price, Monroe, Beata Rozumilowicz, and Stefaan Verhulst (eds). 2001. Media reform: Democratizing the media, democratizing the state. London: Routledge.

Dreyer, June Teufel. 2010. China's Political System: Modernization and Tradition. 7th Edition. New York: Longman

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

Bianco, Lucien. 1971. Origins of the Chinese Revolution. Stanford: Stanford 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. 1995. China's Unresolved Issues. 3rd edition. Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice-Hall.

Goodman, David and G. Segal (eds). 1990. China at Forty. 2nd edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

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).

Perry, Elizabeth J. and Mark Selden (eds). 2003. Chinese Society: Change, Conflict and Resistance. 7th edition. New York: Routledge.

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.

Shue, Vivienne. 1988. The Reach of the State. Stanford: Stanford University Press.

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.

浦興祖、丁榮生等著 中華人民共和國 香港:三聯 1995.

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

楊君實著 現代化與中國共產主義 香港:中文大學 1987.

丁學良著 共產主義後與中國 香港:牛津出版社 1994.

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

Fewsmith, Joseph. 1994. Dilemmas of Reform in China: Political Conflict and Economic Debate. Armonk, N.Y.: M. E. Sharpe.

Goldstein, Melvyn C. 1997. The Snow Lion and the Dragon: China, Tibet and the Dalai Lama. Berkeley: University of California Press.

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

Harding, Harry. 1987. China's Second Revolution: Reform After Mao. Washington, D. C.: Brookings Institution.

Howell, Jude. 1993. China Opens its Doors: the Politics of Economic Transition. Boulder, Colorado: Lynne Rienner Publishers.

Lardy, Nicholas R. 1998. China's Unfinished Economic Revolution. Washington, D. C.: Brookings Institution.

- Lee, C. C. (ed.) 2000. Money, Power and Media: Communication Patterns and Bureaucratic Control in Cultural China. Evanston, IL: Northwestern University Press.
- Lee, Ching Kwan. 1998. Gender and the South China Miracle: Two Worlds of Factory Women. Berkeley, Calif.: University of California Press.
- Li, Linda Chelan. 1998. Centre and Provinces – China 1978-1993: Power as Non-zero Sum. Oxford, UK: Clarendon Press.
- Lieberthal, Kenneth and Michael Oksenberg. 1988. Policy Making in China. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Mackerras, Colin. 2003. China's Ethnic Minorities and Globalization. New York: Routledge Curzon.
- Mulvenon, James C. and Richard H. Yang(eds.). 1999. The PLA in the Information Age. Santa Monica, California: Rand.
- Oi, Jean C.. 1990. State and Peasant in Contemporary China. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.
- Oi, Jean C.. 1999. Rural China Takes Off: Institutional Foundations of Economic Reform. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.
- Parish, W. L. and M. K. Whyte. 1978. Village and Family in Contemporary China. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Perry, Elizabeth J. 1993. Shanghai on Strike: the Politics of Chinese Labor. Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press.
- Ross, Heidi and Judith Liu. 1999. Education in the People's Republic of China. New York: Garland Press.
- Seidman, Ann, Robert B. Seidman and Janice Payne. 1997. Legislative Drafting for Market Reform: Some Lessons from China. London: Macmillan.
- Shambaugh, David and Richard H. Yang(eds.). 1997. China's Military in Transition. Oxford, UK: Clarendon Press.
- Shih, Chih-yu. 1999. Collective Democracy-Political and Legal Reform in China, Hong Kong: The Chinese University of Hong Kong.
- Solinger, Dorothy. 1999. Contesting Citizenship in Urban China: Peasants, Migrants, the State and the Logic of Market. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.
- Tanner, Murray Scot. 1998. The Politics of Lawmaking in Post-Mao China: Institutions, Process and Democratic Aspects. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Vogel, Ezra F. 1989. One Step Ahead in China: Guangdong under Reform. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press.

Walder, Andrew G. 1986. Communist Neo-Traditionalism: Work And Authority in Post-Revolution China. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.

Whyte, Martin King and W.L. Parish. 1987. Urban Life in Contemporary China. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Yahuda, Michael. 1996. Hong Kong: China's Challenge. London and New York: Routledge.

Yang, Dali L. 1997. Beyond Beijing: Liberalization and the Regions in China. London and New York: Routledge.

Yang, Dali L. 2004. Remaking the Chinese Leviathan: Market Transition and the Politics of Governance in China. California: Stanford University Press.

Yusuf, Shahid, Kaoru Nabeshima, and Dwight Perkins (eds). 2006. Under New Ownership: Privatizing China's State-Owned Enterprises. Washington: World Bank.

Joffe, Ellis. 1987. The Chinese Army after Mao. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press. (Joffe, Ellis. 解放軍---曲折的現代化進程 香港: 明報 1989.)

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