

Autumn 2014  
PS 7230: Chinese Politics

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This course provides a graduate level introduction to the study of Chinese politics. The course explores the content of recent Chinese political history with an emphasis on the past thirty years of reform as well as the methods and approaches used by scholars trying to peer into this often opaque society. Substantive topics include economic reforms, contemporary social movements, development, urbanization, and inequality. Methodologically, it examines how to conduct research in China today by assessing the tools of “China Hands” past and present.

### Course Requirements

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| 1. Response Papers | 30% |
| 2. Participation   | 30% |
| 3. Research Paper  | 40% |

Each student is responsible for writing 4 response papers (between 500-1000 words each) over the semester to be shared on a class blog. Responses should be full of comments and synthesis (not summary) and conclude with discussion questions. The principal assignment for the course is a research paper (5000-8000 words), with an outline completed by week 9. Advanced graduate students should see the instructor for procedures.

### Policies and Procedures

This course follows all normal University procedures, including those related to disability services and academic misconduct. Language regarding those policies is below.

### Academic Misconduct

The term “academic misconduct” includes all forms of student academic misconduct wherever committed; illustrated by, but not limited to, cases of plagiarism and dishonest practices in connection with examinations. For additional information, see the Code of Student Conduct.

### Disability Services

Students with disabilities that have been certified by the Office for Disability Services will be appropriately accommodated, and should inform the instructor as soon as possible of their needs. The Office for Disability Services is located in 150 Pomerene Hall, 1760 Neil Avenue; telephone 292-3307, TDD 292-0901; <http://www.ods.ohio-state.edu/>.

## Schedule of Readings

Available on Carmen, linked, or available at a bookstore of your choosing. If you have a problem obtaining the materials, please let me know immediately. The following two textbooks may be useful for those without extensive background in Chinese politics.

Kenneth Lieberthal. 2003. *Governing China: From Revolution Through Reform*.  
Barry Naughton. 2007. *The Chinese Economy: Transitions and Growth*.

❖ denotes recommended but not required reading

### Week 1: Introduction

Sep. 3

- [1] Robert Bates. 1997. "Area Studies & the Discipline: A Useful Controversy?" *PS*. pp. 166-169.
- [2] Perry Link. 2002. "The Anaconda in the Chandelier," *New York Review of Books*.
- [3] Carsten Holz. 2007. "Have All China Scholars Been Bought?" *Far Eastern Economic Review*.
- ❖ Phil Roeder, On Writing a Research Prospectus

### Week 2: Open Questions and Policy Debates

Sep. 10

- [1] Lynn White III. 2009. "Chinese Political Studies: Overview of the State of the Field." *Journal of Chinese Political Science*.
- [2] Mark Leonard (ed). 2012. *China 3.0*. [Including: Cui Zhiyuan, Xiao Bin, Yu Yongding, Justin Yifu Lin, Zhang Weiying, Wang Shaoguang, Hu Shuli, Sun Liping, Ma Jun, Pan Wei & Shang Ying, Wang Hui, Michael Anti, Wang Yizhou, Yan Xuetong, Wang Jisi]
- ❖ Harry Harding. 1984. "The Study of Chinese Politics: Toward and Third Generation of Scholarship." *World Politics*. pp. 284-307.

### Week 3: China and Comparative Politics

Sep. 17

- [1] Barbara Geddes 1999. "What do we know about Democratization after 20 Years?" *Annual Review of Political Science (ARPS)*. pp. 115-144.
- [2] Stathis Kalyvas. 1999. "The Decay & Breakdown of Communist One-Party Systems." *ARPS*.
- [3] Lucan Way. 2011. "Comparing the Arab Revolts—The Lessons of 1989." *J. of Democracy*. pp. 17-27.
- ❖ Isabela Mares & Matthew Carnes. 2009. "Social Policy in Developing Countries." *ARPS*.
- ❖ Jennifer Gandhi & Ellen Lust-Okar. 2009. "Elections under Authoritarianism." *ARPS*.

### Week 4: CCP Victory and the Great Leap Forward

Sep. 24

- [1] Ezra Vogel. 1967. "From Revolutionary to Semi-Bureaucrat." *China Quarterly (CQ)*. No. 29.
- [2] James C. Scott. 2012. "Tyranny of the Ladle." *London Review of Books*. 6 December. pp. 21-8.

- [3] James Kung & Shuo Shen. 2011. "The Tragedy of *Nomenklatura*." *American Political Science Review (APSR)*.
- [4] Dali Yang, et al. 2014. "A Tragedy of the *Nomenklatura*? Career incentives, political loyalty and political radicalism during China's Great Leap Forward." *J. of Contemp. China*.
- ❖ Kenneth Lieberthal. 1994. "The Great Leap Forward and the split in the Yan'an leadership, 1958-1965" in R. MacFarquhar (ed.) *Politics of China*.

### **Week 5: Maoist China and the Cultural Revolution**

**Oct. 1**

- [1] Stuart Schram. 1969. "The Party in Chinese Communist Ideology." CQ.
- [2] Elizabeth Perry and Li Xun. 1997. "Introduction." in *Proletarian Power: Shanghai in the Cultural Revolution*. pp. 1-6.
- [3] Andrew Walder. 2002. "Beijing Red Guard Factionalism: Social Interpretations Reconsidered." *Journal of Asian Studies*. pp. 427-471.
- ❖ Harry Harding. 1994. "The Chinese state in crisis, 1966-1969" in *Politics of China*.

### **Week 6: Elite Politics and Factions**

**Oct. 8**

- [1] Andrew Nathan. 1973. "A Factional Model of Chinese Politics." CQ.
- [2] Lowell Dittmer. 1978. "Bases of Power in Chinese Politics: The Fall of the Gang of Four." *World Politics*. pp. 26-55.
- [3] Lowell Dittmer. 1995. "Chinese Informal Politics" & "Informal Politics Reconsidered." *The China Journal*. pp. 1-34, 193-208.

### **Week 7: Transition and Reform**

**Oct. 15**

- [1] David Zweig. 1986. "Prosperity and Conflict." CQ. No. 105. pp. 1-18.
- [2] Jean Oi. 1999. "Two Decades of Rural Reform in China." CQ. No. 159. pp. 616-628.
- [3] Resolution on CPC History (1949-1981), Selections

### **Week 8: Fiscal Politics**

**Oct. 22**

- [1] Christine Wong. 1991. "Central-Local Relations in an Era of Fiscal Decline: The Paradox of Fiscal Decentralization in Post-Mao China." CQ. pp. 691-715.
- [2] Gabriela Montinola, Yingyi Qian, & Barry Weingast. 1995. "Federalism, Chinese Style: the Political Basis for Economic Success in China." *World Politics*. pp. 50-81.
- [3] Yasheng Huang. 1996. "Central-local relations in china during the reform era: The economic and institutional dimensions." *World Development*, Vol. 24(4), pp. 655-72.
- ❖ Susan Shirk 1993. *Political Logic of Economic Reform in China*, University of California Press.

**Week 9: Industrialization and Reform****Oct. 29**

- [1] Barry Naughton. 1992. "Implications of the State Monopoly over Industry and its Relaxation." *Modern China*.
- [2] Jean Oi. 1992. "Fiscal Reform and the Economic Foundations of Local State Corporatism in China." *World Politics*. pp. 99-126.
- [3] Barry Naughton. 2007. *The Chinese Economy: Transitions and Growth*. Chapters 4 & 5.
- [4] Yasheng Huang. 2008. *Capitalism with Chinese Characteristics*. Preface and Chapter 1.

**Week 10: Tiananmen****Nov. 5**

- [1] Andrew Nathan. 2001. "The Tiananmen Papers." *Foreign Affairs*.
- [2] Andrew Walder. 1991. "Workers, Managers and the State: The Reform Era and the Political Crisis of 1989." *China Quarterly*.
- [3] Dingxin Zhao. 2001. *The Power of Tiananmen: State-Society Relations and the 1989 Beijing Student Movement*. Selections.

**Week 11: Social Stability and Protests****Nov. 12**

- [1] Lianjiang Li & Kevin O'Brien. 1996. "Villagers & Popular Resistance in Contemporary China." *Modern China*.
- [2] Dorothy Solinger. 2003. "State & Society in Urban China in the Wake of the 16<sup>th</sup> Party Congress." *CQ*.
- [3] Dali Yang. 2006. "Economic Transformation & Its Political Discontents in China." *ARPS*. pp. 143-64.
- ❖ Jeremy Wallace. 2014. *Cities and Stability: Urbanization, Redistribution, and Regime Survival in China*.

**Week 12: Promotions and Information****Nov. 19**

- [1] Victor Shih et. al 2012. "Getting Ahead in the Communist Party: Explaining the Advancement of Central Committee Members in China." *APSR*.
- [2] Graeme Smith. 2009. "Political Machinations in a Rural County" *China Journal*.
- [3] Sebastian Heilmann, Elizabeth Perry, & Patricia Thorton. *Mao's Invisible Hand: The Political Foundations of Adaptive Governance in China*. HUP. Chapters 1 and 7.

**Week 13: No Class****Nov. 26****Week 14: Conclusions and Xi Era Politics****Dec. 3**

- [1] Willy Lam. 2012. "The Maoist Revival and the Conservative Turn in Chinese Politics." *China Perspectives*.
- [2] Cheng Li. 2012. "The End of the CCP's Resilient Authoritarianism?" *CQ*.