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Contemporary Chinese Politics DS 0395

Course Description:

This course will try to help you understand the current political situations and system of China. By starting with the political legacy of china, this course will firstly explore the political power structure of contemporary China. It will also examine the political institutions and major political forces, such as interest groups, in contemporary China. This course then will discuss the policy making and implementation process. The relationship between central and local government is also of great importance to understand contemporary Chinese politics. Finally this course will also help you further your understanding of Chinese politics by examining the rural and urban politics in China.

What this course will help you to understand are:

- What kind of Chinese political system today is
- The political institutions and forces in contemporary Chinese politics
- The policy making and implementation process in Chinese government
- The relationship between central and local governments in Chinese politics
- The importance of rural and urban politics in China
- The challenges to Chinese in the political reformation

Required Readings:

Lieberthal, Kenneth. 2004. *Governing China*, 2nd ed. New York: Norton.

Saich, Tony. 2004. *Governance and Politics of China*, 2nd ed. New York: Palgrave.

Wang, James C.F. 2002. *Contemporary Chinese Politics*, 7th ed. Englewood, NJ: Prentice-Hall.

Other readings are also going to be available.

Grading:

1. Class preparation, class participation, and attendance: one-third
2. Mid-term examination (essay exam): one-third (three-page paper)
3. Final examination paper: one-third (five-page paper)

Class topics:

1. Introduction: Historical and Cultural Perspectives

Readings:

Wang, *Contemporary Chinese Politics*, chapter 1;
Lieberthal, *Governing China*, chapter 1-5; Saich, *Governance and Politics of China*,
Chapter 2, 3.

2. The Structure of Political Power in Contemporary China

Readings:

Lieberthal, *Governing China*, chapter 6, 7;
Saich, *Governance and Politics of China*, Chapter 5, 6; Wang, *Contemporary Chinese
Politics*, chapter 4, 5.

3. The Political Institution of the Party-State

Readings:

Saich, *Governance and Politics of China*, Chapter 4;

4. Major Social Interest Groups

Readings:

Lieberthal, *Governing China*, chapter 11;
Saich, *Governance and Politics of China*, Chapter 8;
Wang, *Contemporary Chinese Politics*, chapter 10.

5. Political Communication in Chinese Politics

Readings:

Saich, *Governance and Politics of China*, chapter 7.

6. Policy Making Process in Chinese Government

Readings:

Lieberthal, *Governing China*, chapter 9, 10.

7. MID-TERM EXAMINATION: prepare for exam

8. Policy Implementation in Chinese Government

Readings:

Saich, *Governance and Politics of China*, chapter 9,10, 11.

9. Monitoring on Policy Process in Chinese Politics

Readings:

Wang, *Contemporary Chinese Politics*, chapter 6.

10. Central-Local Government Relations (I)

Readings:

Saich,
Governance and Politics of China, chapter6.

11. Central-Local Government Relations (II)

Readings:

Wang, *Contemporary Chinese Politics*, chapter 7.

12. Rural Politics in China

Readings:

Wang, *Contemporary Chinese Politics*, chapter 11.

13. Urban Politics in China

Readings:

Wang, *Contemporary Chinese Politics*, chapter 11.

14. Future trends and preparation for final exam

Selected Websites:

American Chamber of Commerce in Beijing. <http://www.amcham-china.org.cn>

American Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai. <http://www.amcham-shanghai.org>

American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong. <http://www.amcham.org.hk>

Asian Studies Virtual Library. coombs.anu.edu.au/WWWVL-AsianStudies.html

Brookings Institution Center for Northeast Policy Studies.

http://www.brook.edu/dybdocroot/fp/cnaps/center_hp.htm

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. www.ceip.org

Center for Nonproliferation Studies, China Database. www.nti.org/db/china

Central Asia-Caucasus Institute. www.cacianalyst.org

China Data Center (University of Michigan). www.umich.edu/~iinet/chinadata

Chinese Military Power. www.comw.org/cmp

ChinaInfo. www.chinainfo.gov.cn

China Documentation Center at George Washington University 's Gelman Library.

www.gwu.edu/gelman/seearr/cdc

China Statistical Yearbook On Line. www.stats.gov.cn

Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. www.fmprc.gov.cn

Chinese State Council Information Office. www.chinaonline.com/refer/ministry_profiles/scio.asp

CIA . www.cia.gov

CIA World Factbook. www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook

Council on Foreign Relations. www.cfr.org

Council on Security Cooperation in Asia-Pacific. www.cscap.org

CSIS Pacific Forum. www.csis.org/pacfor

Federation of American Scientists, China page. www.fas.org/news/china/index.html

Federation of American Scientists, Taiwan crisis page.

www.fas.org/man/dod-101/ops/taiwan-crisis.htm

Hong Kong Trade Development Council. www.tdc.org.hk

Human Rights in China . www.hrichina.org

Human Rights Watch. www.hrw.org

National Bureau of Asian Research. www.strategicasia.nbr.org
National Committee on U.S.-China Relations. www.ncuscr.org
National Security Archive. www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv
Nautilus Northeast Asia Peace and Security Network Daily Report.
www.nautilus.org/napsnet/dr/index.html
NDU Center for Chinese Military Studies. www.ndu.edu/inss/China_Center/CSCMA_frames.htm
People's Daily (English). www.english.peopledaily.com.cn
RAND Corporation. rand.org
Research Resources for Asian and Chinese Politics.
www.jhunix.hcf.jhu.edu/~ktsai/researchasiachina.htm
Republic of China (Taiwan) foreign ministry. www.mofa.gov.tw/emofa/econtain.htm
Taiwan Security Research. www.taiwansecurity.org
UNDP. www.undp.org
U.S.-China Business Council. www.uschina.org
US-China Economic and Security Review Commission. <http://www.uscc.gov>
U.S. Embassy in China. www.usembassy-china.org.cn
U.S. State Department. www.state.gov
U.S. Trade Representative. www.ustr.gov
World Bank. www.worldbank.org
World News Connection (FBIS). Access through
www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/eresources/databases