

## LPS-GV203 | The Challenge of Change: Chinese Politics and Public Policy

### COURSE OUTLINE

#### INSTRUCTOR

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#### COURSE OVERVIEW

This course will explore the contemporary political system of China, with a special focus on its policy making process with an emphasis on China's political structure and state and society relations. This course aims to provide students with a background on major political events in modern China, and then to investigate the current political issues in China today - environmental civil society activity, problems and benefits associated with continuing economic liberalization, and discourse from within the CCP on political reform.

## PREREQUISITES

None

## ASSESSMENT

Assessment will be based on a midterm paper (worth 50% of the final mark) and a final exam (worth 50% of the final mark). The format will be 2-hour in-class closed-book exam with essay style questions. Students need to choose 3 of 5 questions to answer. The exam will be based on materials included in readings and lectures.

## DAILY SESSION THEMES

### Part I Overview

#### 1. Methodology for Researching Chinese Politics, Legacies and Diversity

Elizabeth Perry, "Chinese Concepts of 'Rights', From Mencius to Mao—and Now",

Perspectives on Politics, March 2008, Vol. 6/No. 1

Sebastian Heilmann: China's Political System, Rowman & Littlefield, 2017, pp. 23-37  
Tony Saich, Governance and Politics of China, NY: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011, chapter 2

Kenneth Lieberthal: Governing China: From Revolution Through Reform, W. W. Norton; 2 edition 2003, pp. 1-56

#### 2. From Revolution to Development

Tony Saich, Governance and Politics of China, NY: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011, chapter 3

Kenneth Lieberthal: Governing China: From Revolution Through Reform, W. W. Norton; 2 edition, 2003, pp. 84-112

Chris Berry, "The Cultural Revolution: Memories and Legacies 50 Years On," The China

Quarterly. No. 227, 2016

CIA: "The Economic Situation in Communist China," 1961, released in 2004

#### 3. Political Drivers of Economic Change

Sebastian Heilmann: China's Political System, Chapter 4

Barry Naughton, The Chinese Economy, Chapter 4, pp. 85-111

Tony Saich, Governance and Politics of China, NY: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011, chapter 4

Rawski, Thomas "Reforming China's Economy: What Have We Learned?" The China Journal, No. 41 (Jan. 1999): 139-156

## Part II Political System and State-Society Relations

### 4. The Chinese Communist Party

Sebastian Heilmann: China's Political System, Chapter 2 (pp. 46-92)  
Tony Saich, Governance and Politics of China, chapter 5  
Zheng Yongnian, The Chinese Communist Party as Organizational Emperor, Routledge, 2010, pp.18-44

### 5. Local Autonomy under Central Authority and Decision Making

Sebastian Heilmann: China's Political System, Chapter 2, pp.85-104  
Tony Saich, Governance and Politics of China, pp. chapter 7  
Shaohua Lei and Rick Green: "Sublimating Contentious Chinese Politics into Local Public Administration: A Polity-Centered Analysis of Authoritarian Governance and Administrative Responsibility" Public Integrity, Oct, 2017  
Andrew Mertha, "Fragmented Authoritarianism 2.0: Political Pluralization in the Chinese Policy Process," The China Quarterly, Dec, 2009, pp.995-1012  
Sebastian Heilmann, "From Local Experiments to National Policy: The Origins of China's Distinctive Policy Process", The China Journal, No. 59 (Jan., 2008), pp. 1-30  
Susan Lawrence and Michael Martin, Understanding China's System, Congressional Research Service, March, 2013

### 6. States and Society

Tony Saich, Governance and Politics of China, chapter 9  
Zhao Dingxin, The Power of Tiananmen, University of Chicago Press, pp. 39-52  
Tang, Wenfang. "Political and Social Trends in the Post-Deng Urban China: Crisis or

Stability?" The China Quarterly, 168 (Dec. 2001)  
Yanqi Tong and Shaohua Lei, Social Protest in Contemporary China, 2003-2010, Routledge, 2014, pp. 18-46, 206-217  
Andrew Mertha, "Society in the State, China's nondemocratic political pluralization," from Peter Gries and Stanley Rosen: Chinese Politics: State, Society and the Market London: Routledge, 2010, pp. 69-82

## Part III Chinese Politics and Public Policy

## 7. Contemporary Critical Social Issues in China, Cyberspace and Censorship

Elizabeth J. Perry and Mark Selden ed., *Chinese Society: Change, conflict and Resistance* Routledge, 2010, pp. 1-30

Peter Gries and Stanley Rosen: *Chinese Politics: State, Society and the Market* London: Routledge, 2010, pp. 1-41, 129-159, 243-257

Gary King, Jennifer Pan, and Margaret Roberts. "How Censorship in China Allows

Government Criticism but Silences Collective Expression", *American Political Science*

Review, Vol. 107, No. 2, 2013

Gary King, Jennifer Pan, and Margaret Roberts, "Reverse-engineering censorship in

China: Randomized experimentation and participant observation." *Science*, 345, 6199, pp.1-10, 2014

## 8. Nationalism

Gries, Peter Hays "Tears of Rage: Chinese Nationalism and the Belgrade Embassy

Bombing." *The China Journal*, 45 (July 2001), pp. 25-43

Peter Gries and Stanley Rosen: *Chinese Politics: State, Society and the Market* London: Routledge, 2010, pp. 199-221

Jiang Ying, "Anger as a Display of Nationalism", from *Cyber-Nationalism in China*,

University of Adelaide Press, 2012

Jacqueline Newmyer Deal: "China's Nationalist Heritage", *The National Interest*, No.

123 (January/February 2013), pp. 44-53

## 9. Ethnicity, Identity and Domestic Conflicts/Terrorism

Neil Collins and Andrew Cottey, *Understanding Chinese Politics*, Manchester University

Press, pp.124-140

Sebastian Heilmann: *China's Political System*, Chapter 5 (pp.281-288)

Peter Gries and Stanley Rosen: *Chinese Politics: State, Society and the Market* London:

Routledge, 2010, pp. 222-242

Thomas Cliff, "The Partnership of Stability in Xinjiang: State-Society Interactions

Following the July 2009 Unrest", *The China Journal*, No. 68, 2012

Recommend:

Tang Wenfang and He Gaochao, "Separate but Loyalty: Ethnicity and Identity in China",

*Policy Studies* 56, 2010, pp.1-44

Uradyn Bulag, "Alter/native Mongolian identity: from nationality to ethnic group", from Elizabeth J. Perry and Mark Selden ed., *Chinese Society: Change, conflict and resistance*, Routledge, 2010, pp.261-287

## 10. China Faces the Future

Wenfang Tang, "The 'Surprise' of Authoritarian Resilience in China," *American Affairs Spring Volume II*, Number 1, 2018.

Andrew Nathan, "Authoritarian Resilience" *Journal of Democracy*, Vol. 14, 2003

Sebastian Heilmann: *China's Political System*, Chapter 7

Barry Naughton, "China's Economy: Complacency, Crisis& the Challenge of Reform", pp.14-25

## READINGS

A full reading list and electronic course pack will be provided to registered students approximately six weeks before the beginning of the programme.

### Selected Readings for Chinese Politics

1. Bernstein, Thomas and Lü Xiaobo. 2003. *Taxation without representation in rural China*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
2. Brodsgaard, Erik and Zheng Yongnian, ed. 2004. *Bringing the Party Back in: How China is Governed*. Singapore: Marshall Cavendish Academic Publisher.
3. Cai, Yongshun. 2008. "Power Structure and Regime Resilience," *British Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 34, pp. 411-432.
4. Chang, Gordon. 2000. *The Coming Collapse of China*, NY: Random House
5. Sebastian Heilmann, and Elizabeth Perry, ed., *Mao's Invisible Hand: The Political Foundations of Adaptive Governance in China*, Boston: Harvard University Press
6. Chung, Jae Ho, Hongyi Lai, and Ming Xia. 2006. "Mounting Challenges to Governance in China; Surveying Collective Protestors, Religious Sects and Criminal Organizations." *The China Journal*, No. 56, pp. 1-32.
7. Duara, Prasenjit. 1988. *Culture, Power, and The State: Rural North China, 1900-1942*. CA: Stanford University Press.
8. Eisenstadt, S.N. 1963. *The Political System of Empires*. NY: the Free Press of Glencoe.
9. Gabriella Montinola, Qian Yingyi, and Barry Weingast. 1996. "Federalism, Chinese Style: The Political Basis for Economic Success," *World Politics*, Vol. 48, No. 1, pp. 50-81
10. Gallagher, Mary. 2004. "China: the Limits of Civil Society in a Late Leninist State," in Muthiah Alagappa, eds., *Civil Society and Political Change in Asia*. CA: Stanford University Press.
11. Goldman, Merle. 2007. *Political Rights in Post-Mao China*. Ann Arbor: Association for Asian Studies.

12. Hayes, Peter and Stanley Rosen. 2005. *State and Society in 21st-Century China: Crisis, Contention, and Legitimation*. London: Routledge.
13. Lampton, David, ed. 1987. *Policy Implementation in Post-Mao China*. Berkeley: University of California Press
14. Landry, Pierre 2008, *Decentralized Authoritarianism in China*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
15. Li, Lianjiang. 2004. "Political Trust in Rural China," *Modern China*, Vol. 30, No. 2, pp. 228-258.
16. Lieberthal, Kenneth & Oksenberg, Michel. 1988, *Policy Making in China: Leaders, Structures, and Processes*. N.J: Princeton University Press.
17. Lu, Xiaobo. 2000. *Cadres and Corruption, The Organizational Involution of the Chinese Communist Party*. CA: Stanford University Press.
18. Lu Xiaobo and Elizabeth Perry. 1997. *Danwei: the Changing Chinese Workplace in Historical and Comparative Perspectiv*. NY: M.E. Sharpe.
19. O'Brien, Kevin, Li Lianjiang. 2006. *Rightful Resistance in Rural China*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
20. Oi, Jean.1999. *Rural China Takes Off, Institutional Foundations of Economic Reform*, Berkeley: University of California Press.
21. Perry, Elizabeth. 2001. *Challenging the Mandate of Heaven: Social Protest and State Authority in China*. Armonk, N.Y. : M.E. Sharpe.
22. \_\_\_\_\_. 2008. "Chinese Conceptions of 'Rights': From Mencius to Mao-and Now," *Perspective on Politics*, Vol. 6, pp. 37-50.
23. Perry, Elizabeth and Mark Selden. 2000. *Chinese Society: Change, Conflict and Resistance*. London: Routledge Press.
24. Qian Yingyi, and Barry Weingast. 1997. "Federalism as a Commitment to Preserving Market Incentives," *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Vol.11, No. 4,
25. Qian Yingyi and Xu Cheng-Gang. 1993. "The M-form Hierarchy and China's Economic Reform." *European Economic Review*. Vol. 37, pp. 541-548.
26. Tony Saich. 2001. *Governance and Politics of China*. D.C:Palgrave MacMillan.
27. Susan Shirk. 2007. *China: Fragile Superpower*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
28. Shue, Vivienne. 1988. *The Reach of the State: Sketches of the Chinese Body Politic*. CA: Stanford University Press.
29. Tong, James. 1991. *Disorder Under Heaven: Collective Violence in the Ming Dynasty*. CA: Stanford University Press.
30. Tong, Yanqi and Shaohua Lei, 2014. *Social Protests in Contemporary China: Transitional Pains and Legitimacy*. London: Routledge.
31. Tsai, Lily. 2008. *Accountability without Democracy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
32. Zhao, Dingxin. 2001. *The Power of Tiananmen*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
33. Zheng Yongnian. 2006. "Explaining the Sources of de facto Federalism in Reform China: Intergovernmental Decentralization, Globalization, and Central-Local Relations," *Japanese Journal of Political Science* Vol. 7, No. 2, pp. 101-126.

35. Zheng Yongnian. 2010. The Chinese Communist Party as Organizational Emperor. London: Routledge Press.

#### Recommended Movies and Videos

1. PBS: China From the Inside
2. KBS: Super China
3. Discover Channel: The People's Republic of Capitalism
4. Carma Hinton: The Gate of Heavenly Peace
5. Jean Yanne, Chinese in Paris (1974)
6. Zhang Yimou: To Live
7. Jiang Wen: In the Heat of the Sun
8. Feng Xiaogang: I Am Not Madame Bovary