

Contemporary Chinese Politics

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Objectives

This introductory course is to provide undergraduate students basic knowledge and understanding about both facts and theoretical explanations about political life in the People's Republic of China after 1978. Both the domestic and international contexts will be counted as well. The sessions of this course are arranged according to their respective topical coverages. Discussions are encouraged during class.

Requirements:

There will be a take-home midterm (essays, 5-7 pages double-spaced) and a take-home final (essays, 7-9 pages double-spaced).

Grading: midterm 40%, final 50%, and class participation 10%.

Readings:

Course readings include empirical studies as well as theoretical works. They are divided into 2 categories: "Required" and "Recommended". Students must read the items under "required" before discussions of each particular topic with exception for the first session. Required readings other than the following three books, available at Columbia Bookstore, will be on reserve in the Barnard, Butler and/or East Asian Libraries:

Goldman, Merle, and Roderick MacFarquar, eds. 1999. *The Paradox of China's Post-Mao Reforms*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

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

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

The following two books are available at Columbia Bookstore as recommended books:

Meisner, Maurice. 1999. *Mao's China and After*, 3rd ed. New York: Free Press.

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

I. (01/18) Introduction.

Required (read after class for pre-1949 historical legacies):

Lieberthal, Kenneth. 2004. *Governing China*, 2nd ed. New York: Norton. Chapters 1 and 2.

Meisner, Maurice. 1999. *Mao's China and After*, 3rd ed. New York: Free Press. Chapter 4.

II. (01/23 & 01/25) Historical Background (I): Political History in Mao's Era 1949-1976.

Required:

Lieberthal, Kenneth. 2004. *Governing China*, 2nd ed. New York: Norton. Chapter 4.

Meisner, Maurice. 1999. *Mao's China and After*, 3rd ed. New York: Free Press. Chapter 20.

Recommended:

Meisner, Maurice. 1999. *Mao's China and After*. New York: Free Press. Chapters 9, 10, 13, 18, 19.

III. (01/30 & 02/01) Historical Background (II): Incentives for and Struggles over Reform.

Required:

Yang, Dali. 1996. *Calamity and Reform in China*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press. Chapters 5 and 6.

Lieberthal, Kenneth. 2004. *Governing China*, 2nd ed. New York: Norton. Chapter 4.

Recommended:

MacFarquhar, Roderick. 1997. "The Succession to Mao and the End of Maoism, 1969-1982," in Roderick MacFarquhar ed. *The Politics of China: the eras of Mao and Deng*, 2nd ed. New York: Cambridge University Press: 248-339.

World Bank. 1996. *World development report 1996: from plan to market*. New York: Oxford University Press. (Chinese reform as in an international trend of reforms.)

IV. (02/06 & 02/08) Party Control of the Government.

Required:

Lieberthal, Kenneth. 2004. *Governing China*, 2nd ed. New York: Norton. Pp. 233-242.

Saich, Tony. 2004. *Governance and Politics of China*, 2nd ed. New York: Palgrave. Chapter 4.

Recommended:

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

Wang, James C.F. 2002. *Contemporary Chinese Politics*, 7th ed. Englewood, NJ: Prentice-Hall. Chapter 4.

V. (02/13 & 02/15) The Cadre System.

Required:

Wang, James C.F. 2002. *Contemporary Chinese Politics*, 7th ed. Englewood, NJ: Prentice-Hall. Chapter 5.

Lü, Xiaobo. 2000. *Cadres and Corruption*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press. Chapter 5.

Recommended:

Lü, Xiaobo. 2000. *Cadres and Corruption*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press. Chapter 4.

VI. (02/20 & 02/22) Political Elites and Generational Politics.

Required:

Nathan, Andrew, and Bruce Gilley. 2003. *China's New Rulers*. 2nd ed. New York: New York Review of Books. Chapter 2.

Li, Cheng. 2001. *China's Leaders*. Lanham, MD: Roman & Littlefield. Chapters 1 and 3.

Recommended:

Putnam, Robert. 1976. *The Comparative Study of Political Elites*. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall.

Fewsmith, Joseph. 1999. "Elite Politics," in Merle Goldman and Roderick MacFarquar, eds. *The Paradox of China's Post-Mao Reforms*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press: 47-75.

Shen, Mingmin. 2001. "Inter-Generational Politics in China," *Modern China Studies*, 75: (in Chinese)

VII. (02/27 & 03/01) Functional Configurations of Political Power.

Required:

Lieberthal, Kenneth. 2004. *Governing China*, 2nd ed. New York: Norton. Pp. 215-232.

Saich, Tony. 2004. *Governance and Politics of China*, 2nd ed. New York: Palgrave. Chapter 5.

Recommended:

Godwin, Paul H. B. 1999. "Party-Military Relations," in Merle Goldman and Roderick MacFarquar, eds. *The Paradox of China's Post-Mao Reforms*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press: 76-99.

* Midterm exam questions and topics are handed out in class on 03/01.

VIII. (03/06 & 03/08) Central-Local Governmental Relationship.

Required:

Lieberthal, Kenneth. 2004. *Governing China*, 2nd ed. New York: Norton. Chapter 6.

Mertha, Andrew C. 2005. "China's 'Soft' Centralization: Shifting Tiao/Kuai Authority Relations," *China Quarterly*, 184: 791-810.

Sheng, Yumin. 2005. "Central-Provincial Relations at the CCP Central Committees: Institutions, Measurement and Empirical Trends, 1978-2002," *China Quarterly*, 182: 338-355

Recommended:

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

Remick, Elizabeth J. 2004. *Building Local States*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press. Chapter 6.

* Midterm due in class on 03/06.

* Spring holiday. No class on 03/13 & 03/15.

IX. (03/20 & 03/22) Economic Reform and Development.

Required:

Wang, James C.F. 2002. *Contemporary Chinese Politics*, 7th ed. Englewood, NJ: Prentice-Hall. Chapter 11.

Lieberthal, Kenneth. 2004. *Governing China*, 2nd ed. New York: Norton. Chapter 8.

Recommended:

Qian, Yingyi. 2001. "The Institutional Foundations of China's Market Transition," in Joseph Stiglitz and Shahid Yusuf, eds. *Rethinking the East Asian Miracle*. New York: Oxford University Press: 295-321.

Naughton, Barry. 1999. "China's Transition in Economic Perspective," in Merle Goldman and Roderick MacFarquar, eds. *The Paradox of China's Post-Mao Reforms*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press: 30-44.

X. (03/27 & 03/29) Social Groups in China (I): Rural and Urban Working Classes.

Required:

Bernstein, Thomas P. 1999. "Farmer Discontent and Regime Responses," in Merle Goldman and Roderick MacFarquar, eds. *The Paradox of China's Post-Mao Reforms*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press: 197-219.

Whyte, Martin King. 1999. "The Changing Role of Workers," in Merle Goldman and Roderick MacFarquar, eds. *The Paradox of China's Post-Mao Reforms*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press: 173-196.

Solinger, Dorothy J. 1999. "China's Floating Population," in Merle Goldman and Roderick MacFarquar, eds. *The Paradox of China's Post-Mao Reforms*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press: 220-240.

Recommended:

Bernstein, Thomas, and Xiaobo Lü. 2003. *Taxation without Representation in Contemporary Rural China*. NY: Cambridge University Press. Chapter 5.

Chan, Kam Wing, and Li Zhang. 1999. "The Hukou System and Rural-Urban Migration in China: Processes and Changes." *China Quarterly*, 160: 818-855.

XI. (04/03 & 04/05) Social Groups in China (II): Civil Society?

Required:

Dickson, Bruce J. 2003. *Red Capitalists in China*. New York: Cambridge University Press. Chapters 2 and 5.

Goodman, David S. G. 1999. "The New Middle Class," in Merle Goldman and Roderick MacFarquar, eds. *The Paradox of China's Post-Mao Reforms*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press: 241-261.

Recommended:

Ogden, Suzanne. 2002. *Inklings of Democracy in China*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press. Chapter 7.

Parris, Kristen. 1999. "The Rise of Private Business Interests," in Merle Goldman and Roderick MacFarquar, eds. *The Paradox of China's Post-Mao Reforms*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press: 262-282.

Goldman, Merle. 1999. "The Emergence of Politically Independent Intellectuals," in Merle Goldman and Roderick MacFarquar, eds. *The Paradox of China's Post-Mao Reforms*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press: 283-307.

XII. (04/10 & 04/12) Social Groups in China (III): Ethnic Minorities and National Integration.

Required:

Dreyer, June Teufel. 2000. *China's Political System*. New York: Longman. Chapter 13.

Gladney, Dru C. 2003. "Islam in China: Accommodation or Separatism?" *China Quarterly*, 174: 451-467.

Recommended:

Rossabi, Morris. Ed. 2004. *Governing China's Multiethnic Frontiers*. Seattle: University of Washington Press.

XIII. (04/17 & 04/19) China and the World.

Required:

David, Shambaugh. 2004. "China Engages Asia: Reshaping the Regional Order," *International Security*, 29(3): 64-99.

Zheng, Bijian. 2005. "China's 'Peaceful Rise' to Great-Power Status", *Foreign Affairs*, 84(5): 18-24.

Recommended:

Denoon, David. 2006 (forthcoming). *The Economic and Strategic Rise of China and India*. Book manuscripts.

Zweig, David, and Bi Jianhai. 2005. "China's Global Hunt for Energy," *Foreign Affairs*, 84(5): 25-38.

XIV. (04/24 & 04/26) China Faces the Future.

Required:

Lieberthal, Kenneth. 2004. *Governing China*, 2nd ed. New York: Norton. Chapter 11.

Economy, Elizabeth. 2004. *The River Runs Black: The Environmental Challenge to China's Future*. New York: Cornell University Press. Chapters 3 and 5.

Recommended:

Ogden, Suzanne. 2002. *Inklings of Democracy in China*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press. Chapter 6.

Saich, Tony. 2004. *Governance and Politics of China*, 2nd ed. New York: Palgrave. Chapter 12.

XV. (05/01) Review.

- **Final exam questions and topics are handed out in class today.**