

China and East Asia: Economic and Political Implications of China's Rise

Course Code			
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Education

Ph.D. & M.A. University of California, Berkeley, Political science, 2012

B.A. Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea, Political Science, 2003

Expertise

International Relations, Comparative Politics, East Asia

Most Recent Works

- Brace Yourself for the New Normal: One Year into the U.S. -China Trade Dispute, *China-US Focus*, August 2, 2019.
- “Quiet Transformation from the Bottom: Emerging Transnational Coalition of Non-state Actors,” Peter Hayes and Chung-In Moon, eds., *East Asia Community Building, The Future of East Asia* (Singapore: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018).
- “China Reform and Opening 40 Years and Counting,” Cover Story, *The Diplomat* (June 2018).
- “Gone with the Wind : How China Outsmarts WTO Ruling in the Wind Industry,” *Asian Survey* Vol.55, No.6 (November/December 2015), pp. 1116-1145.
- “Shifting Gears: Industrial Policy and Automotive Industry after the 2008 Financial Crisis,” *Business and Politics* Vol. 16, No4 (December 2014), pp. 641-665.
- “Fragmented Liberalization in the Chinese Automotive Industry: The Political Logic behind Beijing Hyundai’s Success in the Chinese Market,” *The China Quarterly* Vol. 216 (December 2013), pp. 920-945.
- For more, see <http://www.seungyounoh.com>

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Course Description	In the 20 th century, China's rise has been one of the most distinctive political affairs to change the landscape of regional and world politics. China's breath-taking growth has specifically challenged the theoretical and empirical foundations, as well as the limits of both market economy and political liberalization. This course examines Chinese economic and political development, and the implications for other Asian countries and the world. This course has three aims: 1) to facilitate in-depth understanding of the Chinese economic development model in comparison to other development models, 2) to conduct a comprehensive analysis of China's political and socio-economic exchanges and its relations with other major countries in East Asia, and 3) to construct a thorough understanding of the challenges and opportunities for China as a result of its extraordinary economic growth.
Course Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attendance & Class Participation (25%)• Three HWs and Presentation (15%)• Midterm Exam (25%)• Final Exam (35%)• Keep informed of current events on the class topics through the reading of periodical sources
Course Material	All the readings are available online at the school's website.
Class Policy	The assignments and readings are subject to change; you will be notified in class and/or via e-mail in case something changes.

I am delighted to be your instructor and look forward to a fruitful and exciting summer session with you. Feel free to e-mail me with your questions or comments you have. Let's have a great summer!

□ Course Schedule

I. HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

Session 1: Introduction to the Course

- Read syllabus carefully and ask clarifying questions in class
- Please fill out and hand in an information sheet in class
- Self-introduction

Session 2: East Asian Intra-Regional System: Sino-Centric Tributary System- Fall of Qing Dynasty

- Fairbank, John. K. (1968) "The Early Treaty System in the Chinese World Order," *The Chinese World Order: Traditional China's Foreign Relations*, 257-75.
- Schwartz, Benjamin I. (1968) "The Chinese Perception of World Order: Past and Present," *The Chinese World Order*, 276-90.
- Kang, David C. (2005) "Hierarchy in Asian International Relations: 1300-1900," *Asian Security* 1(1), 53-79.
- Mendis, Patrick and Wang, Joey (2018) "Belt and road, or a Chinese dream for the return of tributary states?" *South China Morning Post*. <https://www.scmp.com/comment/insight-opinion/article/2127415/belt-and-road-or-chinese-dream-return-tributary-states-sri>

Session 3: East Asian Intra-Regional System: The rise of Japan and the Post-Cold War System

- Zhao, Suisheng (1998) "The Origins of the Bipolar Cold War Competition," *Power Competition in East Asia: From the Old Chinese World Order to Post-Cold War Regional Multipolarity*, 83-109.

II. DOMESTIC FOUNDATIONS

Session 4: Economic Development of East Asia and China

- Onis, Ziya (1991) "The Logic of the Developmental State," *Comparative Politics* 24(1) (October 1991), pp.109-26.
- Qian, Yingyi (2002) "How Reform Worked in China," London: Centre for Economic Policy Research.
- Oh, Seung-Youn (2018) "China's Reform and Opening: 40 years and Counting," June Issue, *The Diplomat*.

Session 5: Divergent Political Paths of Democracy and Authoritarianism

- Lee, Junhan (2002) "Primary Causes of Asian Democratization: Dispelling Conventional Myths," *Asian Survey* 42(6), pp.821-837
- Slater, Dan & Joseph Wong (2013) "The Strength to Concede: Ruling Parties and Democratization in Developmental Asia," *Perspectives on Politics*, 11(3), pp.717-733.
- Joseph, William A. (2014) Chapters 6 (Cheng Li) & Ch. 7 (Jacques deLisle), *Politics in China*.

Session 6: Understanding China's Rise: Variety of China Threat Theory

- Friedberg, Aaron (2005) "The Future of U.S.-China Relations: Is Conflict Inevitable?" *International Security*, 30 (2), 7-45.
- **HW 1: Fill out the worksheet and submit in the beginning of the class. You will have to**

bring news articles or cases for each theory introduced in Friedberg's article.

Session 7: Mid-term Examination

III. IMPLICATIONS OF CHINA'S RISE IN EAST ASIA

Session 8: China's Grand Strategy

- Shambaugh, David (2013) "Ch. 2: Global Identities," *China Goes Global: The Partial Power*, Oxford University Press.
- Yan, Xuetong (2017) "Strategic Challenges for China's Rise," *Carnegie-Tsinghua*. <https://carnegietsinghua.org/2017/02/23/strategic-challenges-for-china-s-rise-pub-71208>
- Wang, Jisi (2011) "China's Search for A Grand Strategy: A Rising Great Power Finds Its Way," *Foreign Affairs*, 90 (2), 68-79.
- "What is grand strategy and why do we need it?" Foreign policy 2009. <https://foreignpolicy.com/2009/04/08/what-is-grand-strategy-and-why-do-we-need-it/>
- President Xi Jinping's speech to Davos Forum 2017.
Video: <https://youtu.be/Ys6skqxQKMk>.
Transcript: <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2017/01/full-text-of-xi-jinping-keynote-at-the-world-economic-forum>
- **HW2: Bring news articles or cases for each theory introduced in Shambaugh's article**

Session 9: Great Power Relations (China-US)

- Zoellick, Robert B. (2005) "Whither China: From Membership to Responsibility?"—Excerpts of the remarks to the National Committee on the United States and China Relations, presented in New York City, September 21, 2005.
- Yan, Xuetong (2017) "China Can Thrive in the Trump Era," *The Opinion Pages, The New York Times*. <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/01/25/opinion/china-can-thrive-in-the-trump-era.html?mcubz=0>.
- Feigenbaum, Evan A. (2018) "Reluctant Stakeholder: Why China's Highly Strategic Brand of Revisionism is More Challenging Than Washington Thinks," *Marco Polo*. <https://macropolo.org/reluctant-stakeholder-chinas-highly-strategic-brand-revisionism-challenging-washington-thinks/>
- Allison, Graham (2017) "China vs. America," *Foreign Affairs*. <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/united-states/2017-08-15/china-vs-america>
- Wang, Jisi (2018) "Did America Get China Wrong?," *Foreign Affairs*. <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/china/2018-06-14/did-america-get-china-wrong>
- Zhu, Feng (2016) "Strange but Familiar: a Cautious Look into Trump Diplomacy," *China and US Focus*. <https://www.chinausfocus.com/foreign-policy/strange-but-familiar-a-cautious-look-into-trump-diplomacy>
- Jia, Qingguo (2017) "Between Confrontation and Cooperation," *China and US Focus*. <https://www.chinausfocus.com/foreign-policy/between-confrontation-and-cooperation>

Session 10: China's Global Governance & Belt and Road Initiative

- Kastner, S. L., Pearson, M. M., & Rector, C. (2019) "Chapter 2," *China's strategic multilateralism: Investing in global governance*.
- Shambaugh, David (2013) "Ch. 4: Global Governance," *China Goes Global: The Partial Power*.

- Hundt, David and Kim, Sooyoung (2019) “Elite Opinion and the ‘Belt and Road’ Debate in South Korea,” *Pacific Affairs* (92), 27-48.
- **HW3: Fill out the HW sheet on “join or not-to-join BRI”**

Session 11: Hard and Soft Power in East Asia

- Shambaugh, David (2013) “Ch. 6: Cultural Presence” and “Ch. 7: Security Presence,” *China Goes Global: The Partial Power*.
- Lee, Geun (2009) “A Theory of Soft Power and Korea’s Soft Power Strategy,” *Korean Journal of Defense Analysis*.
- [Skim] deLisle, Jacques and Goldstein (2017), “Ch.13: Chinese Culture in a Global Context: The Confucius Institute as a Geo-Cultural Force,” *China’s Global Engagement: Cooperation, Competition, and Influence in the 21st century*. (Randy Kluver)

Session 12: Watching a Documentary and Debate

- Brautigam, Deborah and Tang, Xiaoyang (2014) “Going Global in Groups: Structural Transformation and China’s Special Economic Zones Overseas,” *World Development* (63), 78-91.
- Cardenal, Juan Pablo and Araujo, Heriberto (2013) "Ch.1: Introduction," in *China's Silent Army: the Pioneers, Traders, Fixers, and Workers who are Remaking the World in Beijing's Image*.
- deLisle, Jacques and Goldstein (2017), “Ch.5: Concentrated Interests: China’s Involvement with Latin American Economies,” *China’s Global Engagement: Cooperation, Competition, and Influence in the 21st century*. (Cynthia A. Watson).

Session 13: Nationalism, Territorial Disputes and Its Regional Implication

- Fravel, M. Taylor (2008) “Ch.1: Cooperation and Escalation in Territorial Disputes,” *Strong Borders, Secure Nation: Cooperation and Conflict in China’s Territorial Disputes*.
- Weiss, Jessica (2015) “Ch. 2: Nationalist Protest and Authoritarian Diplomacy in Powerful Patriots: Nationalist Protest in China's Foreign Relations”

Session 14: China and Two Koreas

- Easley, Leif Eric (2017) “From Strategic Patience to Strategic Uncertainty: Trump, North Korea, and South Korea’s New President,” *World Affairs Journal* 180(2).
- Cha, Victor (2017) “Making China Pay for North Korea: Why Beijing’s Coal Ban Isn’t Enough,” *Foreign Affairs*. <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/north-korea/2017-03-21/making-china-pay-north-korea>
- Fish, Isaac S. and Robert E. Kelly (2018) “North Korea Is Ultimately China’s Problem,” *Foreign Affairs*. <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/china/2018-06-08/north-korea-ultimately-chinas-problem>
- Moon, Chung-in (2019) “The Next Stage of the Korean Peace Process,” *Foreign Affairs*. <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/north-korea/2019-03-14/next-stage-korean-peace-process>

Session 15 : Final Exam