

International History

Academic year 2019-2020

Modern China: A Great Transformation

HI119 - Autumn - 6 ECTS

Monday 10h15 - 12h00

Course Description

This course examines modern history of China in a dramatic decline-and-rise cycle, and discusses current Chinese political system, economy and social and cultural identities. It also traces the roots of recent reforms in China that have transformed the country in a fundamental way. The relationships between state and society, between politics and economy and between China and foreign powers will be discussed in detail.

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Syllabus

Course Requirement: Two take-home exams and active participation in class discussions. Participation consists of 15% of overall performance.

Office Hours: 09 to 10. Monday-Tuesday

1. Introduction
 - a. The Cultural Heritage
 - b. The Rise of Modern China
 - c. The May Fourth Movement
 - d. The Communist Revolutions
 - e. The Sino-Japanese War
 - f. The Civil War and its Consequences
2. The PRC Political Structure
 - a. The Party State
 - b. The military State
 - c. The civilian state

3. Political Participation
 - a. articulation of political interest
 - b. conflict resolution
 - c. rebellion and protest
4. State and Society
 - a. the command system
 - b. the negotiated state
 - c. social policy
 - d. environmental policy
5. Economy
 - a. Planned economy
 - b. Deng Xiaoping and his reform theory
 - c. Mixed economy
6. Foreign Policy
 - a. Theories
 - b. China and the great powers
 - c. China and globalization
 - d. security policy
7. Challenges in the 21st Century
 - a. Political reforms
 - b. Deng's legacy
 - c. Jiang Zeming and political reform
 - d. Hu Jintao and the Harmonious Society
 - e. Xi Jinping's China Dream

Basic Requirement

Selected Readings Books:

Cambridge History of China

Daniel Bell, *China's New Confucianism*, Princeton University Press, 2008

Stephen Bell and Hui Feng, *The Rise of the People's Bank of China The Politics of Institutional Change*, Harvard, 2013

CHOW, Tse-tung, *The May Fourth Movement : intellectual revolution in modern China*, Harvard University Press, 1974

Jenny Clegg, *China's Global Strategy*, NY, Pluto Press 2009

Arif Dirlik, *Modernity as history: post-revolutionary China, globalization and the question of modernity*
In: *Social history*. - London. - Vol. 27(2002), p. [16]-39

Marte Galtung, et al, *49 Myths about China*, Rowman and Littlefield, 2015 Lyle Goldstein, *Meeting China Halfway*, Georgetown University Press, 2015

Stephan Halper, *The Beijing Consensus, How China's Authoritarian Model will Dominate the Twentieth-First Century*, Basic Books 2010

*J.M. Hobson, **Eastern Origins of Western Civilization*, Cambridge Univeristy Press, 2005

Kung-Chuang Hsiao, *A modern China and a new world : K'ang Yu-Wei, reformer and utopian, 1858-1927*, Seattle ; London : Univ. of Washington Press, cop. 1975

Immanuel C. Y. Hsu, *The rise of modern China*, Oxford University Press, 2000 David Kang, *China Rising*, Columbia University Press, 2009

Kissinger*, Henry, *On China*, Allen Lane, 2011

* Maurice Meisner, *Mao's China and after: a history of the People's Republic* New York : Free Pr. ; London : Collier Macmillan, 1986

Kenneth Pomeranz ,*The great divergence : China, Europe, and the making of the modern world economy* Princeton N.J. [etc.] : Princeton Univ. Press, cop. 2000

Tom Miller, *China's Asian Dream*, Zed Books, London, 2017 Robert Rotberg, *China into Africa*, Brookings Institution, 2008 Robert Ross, *Chinese Security Policy*, Routledge, 2009

Benjamin Rowland, ed., *Is the West in Decline?*, Lexington Books, 2016

Teemu Ruskola, *Legal Orientalism, China , the United States and Modern Law*, Harvard, 2013

*Jonathan D. Spence, *The search for modern China*, W.W. Norton, 1990

Edward S. Steinfeld, *Forging reform in China : the fate of state-owned industry*, Cambridge Univ. Pr., 1998

---- *Playing Our Game, Why China's Economic Rise Doesn't Threaten the West*, Oxford University Press, 2010

*Vogel, Ezra, *Deng Xiaoping and the Transformation of China*, Harvard University Press, 2011

Xiang, Lanxin, *Recasting the Imperial Far East*, M.E. Sharpe, Armonk, NY 1995

---*Mao's Generals, Lanham Maryland, 1998*

---*Origins of the Boxer War, Routledge, London, 2003*

Articles by Lanxin Xiang

----*Washington's Misguided China Policy, Survival, April 2001*

----*China's Eurasian Experiment, Survival, June 2004*

----*Traumatic Legacies in Japan and China—an exchange between Lanxin Xiang and Japanese Foreign Ministry Spokesman Akira Chiba, Survival, June 2005*

----*The EU Common Strategy for China?, International Spectator, Rome, November 2000*

----*The Civilization Debate and China Debate, Issues and Studies, 1998, Special Issue*

---*Why Washington Can't Speak Chinese? Washington Post, April 16, 2005*

Survival, June 2005

---*Lanxin Xiang on Henry Kissinger's On China, Survival, August-September 2011*

---*China and the "Pivot", Survival, August 2012*

Periodicals

Asian Survey Beijing Review

The China Quarterly Foreign Affairs

Journal of Asian Studies

Journal of Contemporary History Journal of Modern Asian Studies International Affairs

Modern Asia Orbis

Survival