

PSCI 3102A
The Government and Politics of China
Wednesday 11:35-14:25
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Description:

This Course is an introduction to the domestic politics of the People's Republic of China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong. Students will be introduced to the political system imposed by the Chinese communists as well as the political economy of reform and the transition to a market economy which has been taking place over the past two decades. We will look to the political basis of economic success, and the reasons for stalled political reform. In addition comparisons will be drawn to the political system that evolved on the Island of Taiwan under the rivals of the Chinese communists, the Kuomintang Nationalists. Here we will discuss the politics of Taiwan's remarkable transition from economic success to the institutionalization of democracy and free elections. Finally we will look at the system of government which has been established for Hong Kong under the Sino-British Joint Declaration and look at the viability of Hong Kong as a liberal enclave on the coast of the Chinese Mainland under the sovereign authority of the People's Republic of China. Lecture outlines and assignments will be posted on the course website on Carleton's Web CT. However outlines are not a good substitute for lecture attendance.

Texts:

The principal text in this course is **Tony Saich, *Governance and Politics of China*. (2nd edition) New York: Palgrave, 2004.** AND Peter Hays Gries and Stanley Rosen eds., ***State and Society in 21st-Century China*** (New York: RoutledgeCurzon 2006). Kenneth Lieberthal's ***Governing China*. (2nd edition) New York:WW Norton 2004.** is recommended. Additional readings may be put on Reserve in the Political Science Resource Room LA 666. Readings marked with a * are on reserve in the Library.

Useful Websites and good journal sources for China.

The most authoritative academic journals on China are *The China Quarterly* and *The China Journal* both are available online on campus.

Official Chinese government sources about China (in English) can be found at www.xinhuanet.com.cn ; www.chinaview.cn ; <http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/>
English language sources on Taiwan can be found at www.taipeitimes.com ;

Official government source is www.gio.gov.tw ; The best news source on Hongkong is the South China Morning Post, [www. SCMP.com](http://www.SCMP.com) ; The Hongkong government site is www.gov.hk

Assignments:

Students are responsible for weekly readings and for keeping up with news about China in the media. The first review paper will be a short review based on a set of movies and books which I will hand out to the class by the end of September. The research paper must be on an approved topic in Chinese domestic policy. **Papers on foreign policy will not be acceptable.**

Grading:

There are two assigned papers and a final examination in this course. The first paper will be a short review essay of no more than 10 pp. (2000-2500 words) worth 20%. (Due October 15) Assignment sheets with the topic of the review and the list of available books and movies to be reviewed will be made available in class September 24. The second paper will be a research paper of 16-18 pp. (4000-4500 words) worth 40% of the final grade. (Due November 26) There will be a final examination (to be scheduled during the formal exam period Dec 4-20th) worth 40% of the grade.

Readings:

1. September 10

The Cultural and Geographic background to Politics in East Asia
Lieberthal Ch 1 pp. 1-39

2. September 17

Revolutionary Movements: Mao Tse-tung (Mao Zedong) "The Chinese Revolution and the Chinese Communist Party" *Selected Works II:305-338**

The Structure and Organization of the Chinese Communist Party and Regime; Franz Schurmann, *Ideology and Organization In Communist China* 17-172; *

Tony Saich, Chapters 2-4 (22-106)

Kenneth Lieberthal pp. 39-122.

3. September 24

Central Government Institutions, Saich Chapter 5 (107-140)
Lieberthal 122-205

4. Wednesday October 1

Rosh Hashanah (Chinese National Day) Class Canceled

5. October 8

Government and Locality; Saich 141-163

Lieberthal 206-242; Gries and Rosen cha. 7 pp. 141-158

6. October 15

State and Society in China, Saich, Chapter 8 (194-211); Gries and Rose chs.2-4 pp. 50-104.

7. October 22

FIRST PAPER Due

Participation and mass politics: Saich Chapter 7 (164-193); Kevin O'Brien and Lianjiang Li "Accommodating Democracy in a One-Party State: Introducing Village Elections in China" Robert A. Pastor and Qingshan Tan "the Meaning of China's Village Elections" in Larry Diamond and Ramon Myers eds. *Elections and Democracy in Greater China* pp. 101-148

8. October 29

Economic Policy Making Saich, Chapter 9 pp. 212-240;
Lieberthal, pp. 245-272.

TED C. FISHMAN "The Chinese Century" *The New York Times* Sunday Magazine July 4, 2004 [posted on course website]

9. November 5

Gender, Family and Social Welfare, Saich, 241-271
Lieberthal 289-336.

10. November 12

Ethnic relations and National Minorities in China
Gries and Rosen chs. 9, 10, 11 pp. 180-234

11. November 19

The Other China : Taiwan, Linda Chao and Ramon H. Myers, "How Elections Promoted democracy in Taiwan under Martial Law in Diamond and Myers, pp. 23-45;

12. November 26

China and Hong Kong Suzanne Pepper, "Hong Kong's Search for Political Form" in Diamond and Myers *China's First Democracy* pp. 46-74; also Richard Baum, Hong Kong's 1998 Elections --and Beyond" Diamond and Myers, 75-100.

Resources for further research.

The primary academic journal on China is *The China Quarterly* which is available in our library. Students may also wish to consult the September issue of *Current History* which gives a timely update of Chinese affairs. In addition *Issues and Studies; Pacific Affairs; Asian Survey; The Journal of Asian Studies* and the *Journal of Northeast Asian Studies* contain many reputable academic articles on China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. **Journal of East Asia** Other useful sources are the *Asian Wall Street Journal Weekly*

and the official Chinese viewpoint is reflected in *the Beijing Review*. For the Taiwan equivalent see *the Taipei Review*. Of course there are now all sorts of useful websites for more contemporary up to date news. Web sources include, The China Daily online published in Beijing [http:// www.chinadaily.com.cn](http://www.chinadaily.com.cn); The People's Daily, www.people.com.cn; The Taipei Times www.taipeitimes.com; you might also wish to consult such sources as The China Leadership Monitor www.clm.Hoover.Stanford.edu; There is also a wealth of sources to be found on the Website of the US China Security Review Committee <http://www.uscc.gov> These resources should be checked against what is written in academic journals to gain some perspective on the issues discussed.

Academic Accommodations

For students with Disabilities: Students with disabilities requiring academic accommodations in this course must register with the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (9500 University Drive) for a formal evaluation of disability-related needs. Registered PMC students are required to contact the centre, 613-520-6608, every term to ensure that I receive your letter of accommodation, **no later than two weeks before the first assignment is due or the first in-class test/midterm requiring accommodations**. If you require accommodation for your formally scheduled exam(s) in this course, please submit your request for accommodation to PMC by **November 7, 2008**, for December examinations, and **March 6, 2009**, for April examinations."

For Religious Observance: Students requesting accommodation for religious observances should apply in writing to their instructor for alternate dates and/or means of satisfying academic requirements. Such requests should be made during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist, but no later than two weeks before the compulsory academic event. Accommodation is to be worked out directly and on an individual basis between the student and the instructor(s) involved. Instructors will make accommodations in a way that avoids academic disadvantage to the student. Instructors and students may contact an Equity Services Advisor for assistance (www.carleton.ca/equity).

For Pregnancy: Pregnant students requiring academic accommodations are encouraged to contact an Equity Advisor in Equity Services to complete a *letter of accommodation*. Then, make an appointment to discuss your needs with the instructor at least two weeks prior to the first academic event in which it is anticipated the accommodation will be required.

Plagiarism: The Undergraduate Calendar defines plagiarism as: "to use and pass off as one's own idea or product, work of another without expressly giving credit to another." The Graduate Calendar states that plagiarism has occurred when a student either: (a) directly copies another's work without acknowledgment; or (b) closely paraphrases the equivalent of a short paragraph or more without acknowledgment; or (c) borrows, without acknowledgment, any ideas in a clear and recognizable form in such a way as to present them as the student's own thought, where such ideas, if they were the student's own would contribute to the merit of his or her own work. Instructors who suspect plagiarism are required to submit the paper and supporting documentation to the Departmental Chair who will refer the case to the Dean. It is not permitted to hand in the same assignment to two or more courses. The Department's Style Guide is available at: <http://www.carleton.ca/polisci/undergrad/Essay%20Style%20Guide.html>

Oral Examination: At the discretion of the instructor, students may be required to pass a brief oral examination on research papers and essays.

Submission and Return of Term Work: Papers must be handed directly to the instructor and will not be date-stamped in the departmental office. Late assignments may be submitted to the drop box in the corridor outside B640 Loeb. Assignments will be retrieved every business day at **4 p.m.**, stamped with that day's date, and then distributed to the instructor. For essays not returned in class please attach a **stamped, self-addressed envelope** if you wish to have your assignment returned by mail. Please note that assignments sent via fax or email will not be accepted. Final exams are intended solely for the purpose of evaluation and will not be returned.

Approval of final grades: Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean. This means that grades submitted by an instructor may be subject to revision. No grades are final until they have been approved by the Dean.

Course Requirements: Students must fulfill all course requirements in order to achieve a passing grade. Failure to hand in any assignment will result in a grade of F. Failure to write the final exam will result in a grade of ABS. FND (Failure No Deferred) is assigned when a student's performance is so poor during the term that they cannot pass the course even with 100% on the final examination. In such cases, instructors may use this notation on the Final Grade Report to indicate that a student has already failed the course due to inadequate term work and should not be permitted access to a deferral of the examination. Deferred final exams are available ONLY if the student is in good standing in the course.

Connect Email Accounts: The Department of Political Science strongly encourages students to sign up for a campus email account. Important course and University information will be distributed via the Connect email system. See <http://connect.carleton.ca> for instructions on how to set up your account.

Carleton Political Science Society: The Carleton Political Science Society (CPSS) has made its mission to provide a social environment for politically inclined students and faculty. Holding social events, debates, and panel discussions, CPSS aims to involve all political science students in the after-hours academic life at Carleton University. Our mandate is to arrange social and academic activities in order to instill a sense of belonging within the Department and the larger University community. Members can benefit through numerous opportunities which will complement both academic and social life at Carleton University. To find out more, please email carletonpss@gmail.com, visit our website at poliscisociety.com, or come to our office in Loeb D688.