

# Seminar: Contemporary China Politics

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(This syllabus is only tentative. I will still modify it before the seminar begins.)

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## Time (Tentative)

22 April (Thursday) 16:00-20:00

23 April (Friday) 9:00-12:00

29 April (Thursday) 16:00-20:00

30 April (Friday) 9:00-12:00

3 June (Thursday) 16:00-20:00

4 June (Friday) 9:00-12:00

24 June (Thursday) 16:00-20:00

25 June (Friday) 9:00-12:00

## Participants

- (1) Advanced undergraduate students and serious exchange students with the ability and willingness to carry out research independently are desired.
- (2) **Some pre-knowledge of China politics is desired.** If not, the lecturer would urge the interested students to contact the lecturer before the seminar begins ([yuwenjuliechen@yahoo.com](mailto:yuwenjuliechen@yahoo.com)). The lecturer can offer some readings for students to get into the topic easily. (See also PART 5 of this syllabus)

## 1. Introduction

This is an intensive seminar on contemporary China’s domestic and international developments. It is suitable for students with some backgrounds in social/political sciences, and would like to deepen their knowledge particularly on China.

**This seminar is highly research-oriented and contains three main research modules:**

**Module 1: The transformation of state-society relationship in China;**

**Module 2: China’s participation in international security/financial institutions;**

**Module 3: China lobbying in European states**

Each student needs to submit a research paper on a theme related to one of the three modules at the end of the semester. This research paper could be either theoretical or empirical.

In this course, we sometimes also refer to literature that discusses other countries' domestic and international developments, which helps students to understand our study in a comparative manner.

Because of the intensive nature of this seminar, students should expect to face some stress in order to accomplish all the required tasks (2 presentations and 1 research paper) within a short period of time. Commitment and determination are required for successful learning in this seminar. Although stress is expected, one can be assured that the lecturer is warm-hearted and the discussions are exotic and thought-provoking.

Further information can be viewed at <http://www.yuwenjuliechen.com/courses>

## 2. Format of the Seminar

The seminar is composed of 7 sessions.

Session 1: Introduction

Session 2: The transformation of state-society relationship in China (Module 1)

Session 3: China's participation in international security/financial institutions (Module 2)

Session 4: China lobbying in European states (Module 3)

Session 5: Research Proposals

Session 6: Research Reports

Session 7: Conclusion

## 3. Assignments and Grading

During the seminar students will be evaluated on the basis of two presentations and one research paper in English. They are as follows:

**Overview of the Grading System**

<b>Evaluated Items</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Attendance and Participation	20 %
Presentation I: Research Proposal	20 %
Presentation II: Research Findings	20 %
Individual Research Report	40 %

(1) Because the class meets only eight times in this intensive seminar, students are expected to attend all meetings and participate actively in order to receive reasonable grades.

(2) There will be two presentations. The first presentation will be held either in the 5<sup>th</sup> or the 6<sup>th</sup> session, where each student presents his or her research proposal, inclusive of research questions, literature review, hypotheses, and methods. The second presentation will be held in the 7<sup>th</sup> session, where each student presents his or her initial research findings.

(3) Each student is required to submit a research paper of 15-20 pages on a topic pertaining to one of the three research modules.

#### 4. Seminar Outline

Date	Time	Sessions	Main Feature/Format
22 April (Thursday)	16:00-20:00	Session 1: Introduction	Lecture Class discussion
23 April (Friday)	9:00-12:00	Session 2: The transformation of state-society relationship in China (Module 1)	Lecture Class discussion
29 April (Thursday)	16:00-20:00	Session 3: China's participation in international security/financial institutions (Module 2)	Lecture Class discussion
30 April (Friday)	9:00-12:00	Session 4: China lobbying in European states (Module 3)	Lecture Class discussion
3 June (Thursday)	16:00-20:00	Session 5: Research Proposals	Student Presentations Lecture
4 June (Friday)	9:00-12:00		Class discussion
24 June (Thursday)	16:00-20:00	Session 6: Research Reports	Student Presentations Lecture Class discussion
25 June (Friday)	9:00-12:00	Session 7: Conclusion	Lecture Class discussion

#### 5. Readings (ONLY TENTATIVE)

Students should choose at least three readings (i.e. a research paper or a chapter of a book) from each module to read before the commencement of that module. I have most of the readings in e-format and will email them to every participant as soon as the seminar begins.

☉ Readings in paper-format only; students should find copies in the library.

**If you have no pre-knowledge of China politics, you should read the following readings before the seminar officially begins. These articles are not very long, but they can help you get into the subject easily. (Please contact the lecturer for the readings)**

**You could read the articles in the following order:**

Spero, Joan E.; Hart, Jeffery A. (2003) "China," in *The Politics of International Economic Relations*. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, p. 361-74.

White, Lynn T. (2009) "Political Roots of Taiwan's Boom", *Political Booms: Local Money and Power in Taiwan, East China, Thailand, and the Philippines*. Singapore: World Scientific Publishing, p. 63-66.

Wang, T.Y. (2005) "National Identity and Democratization in Taiwan: An Introduction", *Journal of Asian and African Studies* 40(5): 5-12.

Shambaugh, David (2004) "China and Europe: The Emerging Axis", *Current History*, 243-248.

Goldstein, Melvyn C. (1997) "Preface", in *The Snow Lion and the Dragon: China, Tibet and the Dalai Lama*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Heartfield, James (2006) "Differentiating the Chinese", *Ethnopolitics* 5(4): 399-403.

## **Module 1: The transformation of state-society relationship in China**

### **State-Society Relations in China**

Guo, Gang (2009) "China's Local Political Budget Cycles", *American Journal of Political Science* 53(3): 632.

Kang, Xiaoguang; Han, Heng (2008) "Graduated Controls: The State-Society Relationship in Contemporary China", *Modern China* 34(1): 36-55.

©White, Gordon; Howell, Jude; Shang, Xiaoyuan (1996) *In Search of Civil Society: Market Reform and Social Change in Contemporary China*. Oxford: Clarendon Press.

©Findlay, Christopher; Shu, Jiang (1992) "Interest Group Conflicts in a Reforming Economy", in Andrew Watson (ed.) *Economic Reform and Social Change in China*. London and New York: Routledge, p. 17-38.

©Lin, Yu-Min (2001) *Between Politics and Markets: Firms, Competition, and Institutional Change in Post-Mao China*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

### **Empirical Cases**

Guo Gang (2007) "Organizational Involvement and Political Participation in China," *Comparative Political Studies* 40(4): 457-82.

Hoddie, Matthew (2006) "Minorities in the Official Media: Determinants of State Attention to Ethnic Minorities in the People's Republic of China," *The Harvard International Journal of Press/Politics* 11(4): 3-21.

Read, Benjamin L. (2008) "Assessing Variation in Civil Society Organizations: China's Homeowner Associations in Comparative Perspective," *Comparative Political Studies* 41(9): 1240-65.

Teets, Jessica C. (2009) "Post-Earthquake Relief and Reconstruction Efforts: The Emergence of Civil Society in China?" *The China Quarterly* 198: 330-47.

Xie, Lei; Sullivan, Jonathan (2009) "Environmental Activism, Social Networks, and the Internet," *The China Quarterly* 198: 422-32.

©White, Lynn T. (2009) 'Political Roots of Taiwan's Boom,' in Lynn White, *Political Booms: Local Money and Power in Taiwan, East China, Thailand, and the Philippines*. Singapore: World Scientific Publishing, p. 63-100.

©White, Lynn T. (2009) 'Political Roots of East China's Boom,' in Lynn White, *Political Booms: Local Money and Power in Taiwan, East China, Thailand, and the Philippines*. Singapore: World Scientific Publishing, p. 101-57.

### **Cross-Countries Comparison**

Adair, Bianca L. (2003) "Interest Articulation in Communist Regimes: The New Economic Mechanism in Hungary, 1962-1980", *East European Quarterly* 37 (1): 101-27.

Biddulph, Howard L. (1983) "Local Interest Articulation at CPSU Congresses", *World Politics* 36 (1): 28-52.

Chhibber, Pradeep; Eldersveld, Samuel (2000) "Local Elites and Popular Support for Economic Reform in China and in India," *Comparative Political Studies* 33(3):350-73.

- Geddes, Barbara (1999) "What Do We Know about Democratization After Twenty Years?" *Annual Review of Political Sciences* 2:115-44.
- Ruble, Blair A. (1998) "Oligarchs, Retreated Nomenklaturshchiki, Clansmen, Warlords, and Polyarchs: Five Divergent Paths to the Russian Future", *Demokratizatsiya: The Journal of Post-Soviet Democratization* 6 (3): 578-86.
- ©Skilling, Gordon H.; Griffiths, Franklyn (eds.) (1971) *Interest Groups in Soviet Politics*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Skilling, H. Gordon (1983) "Interest Groups and Communist Politics Revisited", *World Politics* 36(1): 1-27.
- ©Thomas, Clive S. (1993) *First World Interest Groups: A Comparative Perspective*. Westport: Greenwood Press.

## **Module 2: China's Participation in international security/financial institutions**

- Gries, Peter Hays (2005) "Social Psychology and the Identity-Conflict Debate: Is a 'China Threat' Inevitable?" *European Journal of International Relations* 11(2): 235-265.
- ©Johnston, Alastair Iain (2008) *Social States: China in International Institutions, 1980-2000*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Johnston, Alastair Iain; Evans, Paul (1999) 'China's Engagement with Multilateral Security Institutions', in Alastair Iain Johnston and Robert S. Ross (eds.) *Engaging China: The Management of an Emerging Power*. London and New York: Routledge, pp. 235-72.
- Pearson, Margaret M. (1999) 'The Major Multilateral Economic Institutions Engage China', in Alastair Iain Johnston and Robert S. Ross (eds.) *Engaging China: The Management of an Emerging Power*. London and New York: Routledge, pp. 207-34.
- Hempson-Jone, Justin S. (2005) "The Evolution of China's Engagement with International Governmental Organizations: Toward a Liberal Foreign Policy?" *Asian Survey* 45(5): 702-21.

## **Module 3: China lobbying in European states**

### **Sino-European Relations in General**

- Casarini, Nicola (2009) 'Space Cooperation', in Nicola Casarini, *Remaking Global Order: The Evolution of Europe-China Relations and its Implications for East Asia and the United States*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, p.101-22.
- Casarini, Nicola (2009) 'The Chinese Arms Embargo Affair', in Nicola Casarini, *Remaking Global Order: The Evolution of Europe-China Relations and its Implications for East Asia and the United States*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, p.123-39.
- Casarini, Nicola (2009) 'The EU and East Asia's Strategic Balance', in Nicola Casarini, *Remaking Global Order: The Evolution of Europe-China Relations and its Implications for East Asia and the United States*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, p.145-161.
- Möller, Kay (1996) "Germany and China: A Continental Temptation", *The China Quarterly* 147: 706-725.
- Möller, Kay (2002) "Diplomatic Relations and Mutual Strategic Perceptions: China and the European Union", *The China Quarterly* 169: 10-32.

Taube, Markus (2002) "Economic Relations between the PRC and the States of Europe", *The China Quarterly* 169: 78-107.

**Lobbying in the EU & Foreign Relations of the EU**

Beyers, Jan (2002) "Gaining and Seeking Access: The European Adaptation of Domestic Interest Associations", *European Journal of Political Research* 41: 585-612.

Beyers, Jan (2004) "Voice and Access: Political Practices of European Interest Associations", *European Union Politics* 5(2): 211-40.

Schneider, Gerald; Baltz, Konstantin (2003) "The Power of Specialization: How Interest Groups Influence EU Legislation", *Revista di Politica Economica* 93(1/2): 253-87.

Schneider, Gerald; Finke, Daniel; Baltz, Konstantin (2007) "With a Little Help from the State: Interest Intermediation in the Domestic Pre-Negotiations of EU Legislation", *Journal of European Public Policy* 14 (3): 444-59.