

International History

Academic year 2020-2021

Modern China: A Great Transformation

HI119 - Autumn - 6 ECTS

Tuesday 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. War
 - c. 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
 - c. Security policy

7. Challenges in the 21st Century
 - a. Political reforms
 - b. Deng's legacy
 - c. Jiang Zeming and political reform
 - c. Hu Jintao and the Harmonious Society
 - d. Xi Jinping's China Dream

E. The Belt and Road

Initiative

Selected Readings (books with * will be put on reserve)

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-tsung, *The May Fourth Movement : intellectual revolution in modern China*, Harvard - Page 3 - 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 University 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

---*The 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

---China and the Vatican, June, 2018, *Survival*

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