

China in World Politics
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China is increasingly a topic of national, international, and even household discussion. This class is intended to give you both knowledge and practice at following and participating in this ongoing conversation. No prior coursework on China is assumed, and no knowledge of Chinese is required.

To understand China's aspirations and evolving place in the world order, the first half of the course begins with a survey of Chinese politics and foreign relations, including China's "century of national humiliation" from the Opium Wars to the victory of the Communist Party in 1949, the domestic and foreign policies of Mao Zedong, the inauguration of reforms and China's reentry into the international community under Deng Xiaoping.

The second half of the course will focus on current debates in China's foreign relations, including the role of public opinion and popular nationalism, military development, growing "assertiveness" in regional disputes over territory and resources, and contentious issues in China's trade and investment practices, including currency manipulation.

REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING

1. Participation in two class simulations. Roles will be assigned in section. For each simulation, students will prepare a written memo recommending a course of action and reasoning to their respective government delegation. (20% each, 3 pages, 12 pt / double spaced)
 - A crisis scenario between China, Japan, and the United States concerning the territorial dispute in the East China Sea (Memo due Week 5)
 - Mock negotiations between China and ASEAN nations concerning a Code of Conduct in the South China Sea (Memo due Week 10)
2. Response paper: analyze three op-eds or policy pieces in conjunction with readings on a topic covered in class. (25%, four pages, 12 pt / double spaced, due Week 8. For graduate students: eight pages, analyzing six op-ed or policy pieces)
3. In-class final exam consisting of multiple-choice, short-answer identifications, and one essay. (25%). The final will take place at 2 pm on Monday, May 4.
4. Participation (10%): Attendance is required for all classes and sections. Students will also have the opportunity to share articles and comments via the classes*v2 forum. Missed classes may be made up via online participation.

READINGS

All course readings are available electronically, either via the Resources folder on classes*v2 or the hyperlinks provided in the electronic version of this syllabus.

SCHEDULE

Class 1: Introduction (Jan. 12)

- Kenneth Lieberthal and Wang Jisi, "[Addressing U.S.-China Strategic Distrust](#)," March 2012, p. 1-38.

The ongoing standoff between China and Japan in the East China Sea:

- Adam Liff, "[Calm in the East China Sea?](#)" *National Interest*, November 12, 2014.
- Graham Allison, "[2014: Good Year for a Great War?](#)" *National Interest*, January 1, 2014
- Ezra Vogel, "[History overshadows present, future Japan-China relations](#)," *Japan Times*, January 1, 2014

Class 2: Contending Perspectives and Levels of Analysis (Jan. 14)

- Robert Jervis, *Perception and Misperception in International Politics* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1976), Ch.1., p. 13-31.
- David Bachman, "Domestic Sources of Chinese Foreign Policy," in Samuel S. Kim, ed., *China and the World: Chinese Foreign Relations in the Post-Cold War Era* [3rd edition] (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1994), Ch. 3, pp. 42-59.

Class 3 & 4: Historical Background, Opium Wars to 1949 (Jan. 16 & 21)

Note: class meets on Friday, Jan. 16 in observance of MLK day

- Jonathan Spence, *The Search for Modern China*, p. 229-242; 253-263; 299-308.
- John Garver, *Foreign Relations of the People's Republic of China* (Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall, 1993): p. 2-30.
- A. Doak Barnett. *China and the Major Powers in East Asia* (Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution, 1977), p. 88-93, 153-162.

Class 5 & 6: Mao's China, Sino-Soviet Split, Korean War (Jan. 26 & 28)

- Kenneth Lieberthal, "[Domestic Politics and Foreign Policy](#)," in Harding, *Chinese Foreign Relations in the 1980s*, Ch. 2, p. 43-55.
- A. Doak Barnett. *China and the Major Powers in East Asia* (Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution, 1977), p. 20-52, 163-170, 175-193
- Kenneth Lieberthal. 2003. *Governing China: From Revolution to Reform*, p. 84-109.

Class 7 & 8: From Mao to Deng, Sino-U.S. Rapprochement (Feb. 2 & 4)

- Kenneth Lieberthal, "[Domestic Politics and Foreign Policy](#)," in Harding, *Chinese Foreign Relations in the 1980s*, Ch. 2, pp. 55-70.
- Barnett, *China and the Major Powers*, pp. 193-222.
- Lieberthal, *Governing China: From Revolution to Reform*, p. 109-122, 131-148.
- Spence, *The Search for Modern China*, p. 589-600.

Class 9 & 10: Reform and Opening Up, Tiananmen (Feb. 9 & 11)

- Spence, [The Search for Modern China](#), chapter 26, p. 677-704.
- James Mann. 2000. [About Face](#), p. 175-209.
- Naughton, Barry. 2007. [The Chinese Economy: Transitions and Growth](#), ch. 4.

Class 11 & 12: U.S.-China Relations after the Cold War (Feb. 16 & 18)

- James Mann. 2000. [About Face](#), p. 274-314.
- Wang Jisi. 2005. "[China's Search for Stability with America](#)," *Foreign Affairs*

Current Debates:

- Aaron Friedberg, "[Bucking Beijing: An Alternative U.S. China Policy](#)," *Foreign Affairs*, September/October 2012.
- Henry Kissinger, "[The Future of U.S.-China Relations: Conflict is a Choice, Not a Necessity](#)," *Foreign Affairs*, March/April 2012.
- Robert S. Ross, "[The Problem With the Pivot](#)," *Foreign Affairs*, November/December 2012.
- Shawn Brimley and Ely Ratner, "[Smart Shift: A Response to 'The Problem With the Pivot'](#)," *Foreign Affairs*, January/February 2013.

Class 13: The Chinese Military (Feb. 23)

- Andrew Erickson and Gabe Collins, "[China's Real Blue Water Navy](#)," *The Diplomat*, August 30, 2012.
- Fravel, M. Taylor. "[China's Search for Military Power](#)," *The Washington Quarterly*, Summer 2008.

Class 14: China's Integration into the World Economy (Feb. 25)

- Naughton, Barry. 2007. [The Chinese Economy: Transitions and Growth](#), chapters 16 and 17, p. 375-425.

Class 15: Financial Influence and the "China Model" (Mar. 2)

- Daniel Drezner, "[Bad Debts: Assessing China's Financial Influence in Great Power Politics](#)," *International Security* 34(2), Fall 2009.
- Barry Naughton, "[China's Distinctive System: can it be a model for others?](#)" *Journal of Contemporary China* 19 (65):437-460.
- Excerpt from James Fallows, [Postcards from Tomorrow Square](#),
- "[China and the West: A time for muscle-flexing](#)," *The Economist*, March 19, 2009

Class 16: China, Southeast Asia, and the South China Sea (Mar. 4)

- Michael D. Swaine and M. Taylor Fravel, "[China's Assertive Behavior, Part Two: The Maritime Periphery](#)," *China Leadership Monitor*, no. 35.
- Linda Jakobson, "[China's unpredictable maritime security actors](#)," Lowy Institute for International Policy, December 11, 2014.
- John Ciorciari and Jessica Chen Weiss, "[China and Vietnam: Danger in the South China Sea](#)," *China-US Focus*, January 10, 2013.

- Carlyle Thayer, "[China and Vietnam eschew megaphone diplomacy](#)," *The Diplomat*, January 2, 2015.

SPRING BREAK

Class 17: FILM (Mar. 23)

Class 18: Media, Public Opinion, and Mass Sentiments (Mar. 25)

- Susan L. Shirk. "[The Echo Chamber of Nationalism: Media and the Internet](#)," in *China: Fragile Superpower*. Oxford University Press, 2007, p. 79-104.
- Johnston and Stockmann. 2007. "[Chinese Attitudes toward the United States and Americans](#)," in *Anti-Americanisms in World Politics*
- David Shambaugh, "[Coping with a Conflicted China](#)," *Washington Quarterly*, Winter 2011

Class 19: Nationalism and Anti-Foreign Protest (Mar. 30)

- Zhao, Suisheng. 2006. "[China's Pragmatic Nationalism: Is It Manageable?](#)" *Washington Quarterly*
- Jessica Chen Weiss, "[Authoritarian Signaling, Mass Audiences, and Nationalist Protest in China](#)," *International Organization* 67(1), 2013.

Class 20: China and Japan (Apr. 1)

- He, Yinan. 2007. "[History, Chinese Nationalism and the Emerging Sino-Japanese Conflict](#)." *Journal of Contemporary China* 16(50): 1-24.
- Wu Xinbo, "[The End of the Silver Lining: A Chinese View of the US-Japanese Alliance](#)," *Washington Quarterly*, Vol 29:1, pp. 119-130.

Class 21: Taiwan and North Korea (Apr. 6)

- Thomas J. Christensen, "[The Contemporary Security Dilemma](#)," *Washington Quarterly*, Autumn 2002.
- Alan Romberg, "Taiwan: Consolidating Stability," in CSCAP Regional Security Outlook 2014, pp. 22-23.
- David Shambaugh, "[China and the Korean Peninsula: Playing for the Long Term](#)", *The Washington Quarterly*, 2003, Vol. 26, No.2, pp43-56.
- Zhu Feng and Nathan Beauchamp-Mustafa, "North Korea's Security Implications for China," in CSCAP Regional Security Outlook 2014, pp. 26-29.

Class 22: Human Rights and the United Nations (Apr. 8)

- Economy and Oksenberg, *China Joins the World*: Oksenberg and Economy, Samuel S. Kim, "[China and the United Nations](#)," pp. 42-89.
- Ming Wan, *Human Rights in Chinese Foreign Relations*, chapter 2, p. 15-40.
- Andrew Nathan, "[China and the International Human Rights Regime](#)," p. 136-161, in Economy & Oksenberg, *China Joins the World*.

Class 23: Energy, Africa, and China's Search for Resources (Apr. 13)

- David Zweig and Bi Jianhai. "[China's Global Hunt for Energy](#)," *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 84, No. 5 (Sep. - Oct., 2005), pp. 25-38.
- Deborah Brautigam, "[Africa's Eastern Promise](#)," *Foreign Affairs*, January 5, 2010.
- Eisenman, J. and Kurlantzick, J. "[China's Africa Strategy](#)," *Current History*, Vol. 105, 2006, p.219-224.

Class 24: China and US Elections (Apr. 15)

- "[Thoughts on China and American Elections](#)," Brookings, October 9, 2012.
- Morrison and Labonte, "[China's Currency: An Analysis of the Economic Issues](#)," Congressional Research Service, January 12, 2011.
- Shen Dingli, "[Red State: Why China Wants Mitt Romney to Win](#)," *Foreign Policy*, October 17, 2012.

Class 25: Prospects for the Future (Apr. 23)

- Johnston, Alastair I. "[How New and Assertive Is China's New Assertiveness?](#)" *International Security* 37.4 (2013)
- Evan Medeiros, "[Strategic Hedging and the Future of Asia-Pacific Stability](#)," *The Washington Quarterly* 29:1, Winter 2005-06.
- Shirk, Susan. "[China's Weakness, America's Danger](#)," in *China: Fragile Superpower*. Oxford University Press, 2007, p. 255-70.
- James Mann, testimony before the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, "[U.S.-China Relationship: Economics and Security in Perspective](#)," Feb. 1, 2007

Final Exam: 2 PM on Monday, May 4.