Urban and Environmental Politics in Contemporary China

An intensive Course at Institute of Sociology, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan.

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The course is divided into six sessions that combine lectures as well as reading- and lecture-based discussion. Below is the syllabus I designed for the master and doctoral students in Sociology and other fields in Tsinghua's School of Social Sciences and Humanities.

Taking advantage of Taiwanese students' bilingual capability, I have included readings in Chinese and English.

評量方式

出席佔 50%, 課堂參與佔 30%, memo 佔 20% (三篇 memo 分別是 Session #2, Session #3, Session #5。課前繳交 1 頁 memo, 提出閱讀心得與問題)

Class Schedule

Session #1 12/12, 9:30am-12:20pm

Contextualizing the Socialist Revolution and its Market Reform

Lecture: From Mao's to Deng's China: What kind of socialist revolution? What kind of Market Reform?

Readings for discussion:

陳永發 2001 中國共產革命七十年,修訂版,上下二册,台北:聯經。

Lucien Bianco, 1967, Origins of the Chinese Revolution, 1915-1949.

Session #2 12/12 1:30pm-4:20pm

Land and Urban Politics (I)

Lecture: Urbanization of the Local State (I)

Readings for discussion:

周飞舟 2012 以利为利: 财政关系与地方政府行为。上海三联书店。

Hsing, You-tien, 2010, The Great Urban Transformation: Politics of Land and Property in China.

Session #3 12/14 9:30am-11:20pm + 2:30pm-3:30pm

Land and Urban Politics (II)

Lecture: Urbanization of the Local State (II)

Readings for discussion

Ching Kwan Lee and Yonghong Zhang, 2013 The Power of Instability: Unraveling the Microfoundations of Bargained Authoritarianism in China *American Journal of Sociology*, 118(6): 1475-1508.

朱曉阳 2011, 小村故事: 地志与家园。北京大学出版社

Session #4 12/14 12:30pm-2:20pm

Land and Urban Politics (III)

Public Lecture:

The Urban Question in China's Agrarian Transformation

Session #5 12/16 9:30am-12:20pm

Politics of Ecological Conservation (I)

Documentary *Riding the Green Tiger: The Rise of a Green Movement on China*, directed by Gary Marcuse, 2011.

Readings for discussion:

Emily Yeh 2009, From wasteland to wetland? Nature and nation in China's Tibet, *Environmental History*, 14(1)

Michael Hathaway, 2013, *Environmental Winds: Making the Global in Southwest China* Chapter 5, On the backs of elephants.

*For a comparative perspective:

Karl Jacoby, 2001, Crime Against Nature: Squatters, Poachers, Thieves, and the hidden history of American Conservation.

Session #6 12/16 2:30pm-4:30pm

Politics of Ecological Conservation (II)

Public Lecture

Surviving Conservation: Herders and farmers in China's northwest