

*NATIONAL TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY*

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**Current Issues in Chinese Politics**

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**Purposes.** This short course investigates several key issues in Chinese domestic politics and foreign relations. The course reviews the overall scholarly discussions on these topics, and seeks to provide a sense of the instructor's way of thinking about each issue.

**Requirements.** Students enrolled for credit will submit a 3-4 page paper (in one-and-a-half line spacing) in English or Chinese on June 20. The topic of the paper can be related to any issue in the five lectures.

**Readings.** Readings will be made available in a coursepack.

**LECTURE SCHEDULE AND READINGS**

**June 13. CHINA'S POSSIBLE FUTURE PATHS – How American Scholars Are Currently Debating This Topic**

Bruce Gilley, *China's Democratic Future: How It Will Happen and Where It Will Lead* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2004), Ch. 6

Andrew J. Nathan, "China's Changing of the Guard: Authoritarian Resilience," *Journal of Democracy* 14:1 (January 2003), pp. 6-17

Andrew J. Nathan, "Present at the Stagnation: Is China's Development Stalled?" *Foreign Affairs*, forthcoming, June 2006

Minxin Pei, "The Dark Side of China's Rise," *Foreign Policy*, March/April 2006, pp. 32-40

**June 14. POLITICAL CULTURE AND DEMOCRACY IN CHINA AND ASIA**

Robert B. Albritton and Thawilwadee Bureekul, "Developing Democracy under a New Constitution in Thailand"; Ken'ichi Ikeda, Masaru Kohno, and Yasuo Yamada, "Japanese Attitudes and Values toward Democracy"; Doh Chull Shin and Chong-Min Park, "The Mass Public and Democratic Politics in South Korea: Exploring the Subjective World of Democratization in Flux"; all are draft chapters for Yun-han Chu, Larry Diamond, Andrew J. Nathan, and Doh Chull Shin, eds., *Citizens and Democratic Politics in East Asia*, book in progress

Yu-tzung Chang, Yun-han Chu, and Min-hua Huang, "The Uneven Growth of Democratic Legitimacy in East Asia," *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, forthcoming, 2006

Yu-tzung Chang, Yun-han Chu, and Frank Tsai, "Confucianism and Democratic Values in Three Chinese Societies," *Issues and Studies* 41:4 (December 2005), pp. 1-33

Kuan Hsin-chi and Lau Siu-kai, "Traditional Orientations and Political Participation in Three Chinese Societies," *Journal of Contemporary China* 11:31 (2002), pp. 297-318

***June 15. FACTIONALISM, INSTITUTIONALIZATION, AND THE EVOLUTION OF ELITE POLITICS IN CHINA***

Andrew J. Nathan, "A Factionalism Model for CCP Politics," *The China Quarterly* 53 (January-March 1973), pp. 34-66

Andrew J. Nathan and Bruce Gilley, *China's New Rulers*, Second Ed. (New York: New York Review Books, 2002), Chs. 2, 3, 6

***June 19. CHINA'S RISE AND AMERICAN INTERESTS***

Aaron L. Friedberg, "The Future of U.S.-China Relations," *International Security* 30:2 (Fall 2005), pp. 7-45. Available at:

[http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/international\\_security/v030/30.2friedberg.pdf](http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/international_security/v030/30.2friedberg.pdf)

John J. Mearsheimer, *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics* (N.Y.: W.W. Norton, 2001), Chs. 1-3, 10

Evan S. Medeiros, "Strategic Hedging and the Future of Asia-Pacific Stability," *The Washington Quarterly* 29:1 (Winter 2005-2006), pp. 145-167. Available at:

[http://www.twq.com/06winter/docs/06winter\\_medeiros.pdf](http://www.twq.com/06winter/docs/06winter_medeiros.pdf)

Andrew J. Nathan and Robert S. Ross, *The Great Wall and the Empty Fortress: China's Search for Security* (New York: Norton, 1997), Ch. 1

Zheng Bijian, "China's 'Peaceful Rise' to Great-Power Status," *Foreign Affairs* 84:5 (Sept./Oct. 2005), pp.18-24. Available at:

[fullaccess.foreignaffairs.org/20050901faessay84502/zheng-bijian/china-s-peaceful-rise-to-great-power-status.html?mode=print](http://fullaccess.foreignaffairs.org/20050901faessay84502/zheng-bijian/china-s-peaceful-rise-to-great-power-status.html?mode=print)

***June 20. CURRENT DYNAMICS IN THE CHINA-TAIWAN-U.S. TRIANGLE***

Richard Bush, "Taiwan Faces China: Attraction and Repulsion," in Shambaugh, ed., *Power Shift: China and Asia's New Dynamics* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2005), pp. 170-186

Thomas J. Christensen, "Posing Problems without Catching Up: China's Rise and Challenges for U.S. Security Policy," *International Security* 25:4 (Spring 2001), pp. 5-40

Available at: [http://muse.jhu.edu/demo/international\\_security/v025/25.4christensen.html](http://muse.jhu.edu/demo/international_security/v025/25.4christensen.html)

Andrew J. Nathan, "What's Wrong with American Taiwan Policy," *The Washington Quarterly*, 23:2 (2000), pp. 93 -106, available at

[www.twq.com/spring00/232nathan.pdf](http://www.twq.com/spring00/232nathan.pdf)

Suisheng Zhao, "China's Pragmatic Nationalism: Is It Manageable," *The Washington Quarterly* 29:1 (Winter 2005-2006), pp. 131-144. Available at:

[www.twq.com/06winter/docs/06winter\\_zhao.pdf](http://www.twq.com/06winter/docs/06winter_zhao.pdf)

*June 21.* **REFLECTIONS ON STUDYING CHINA: CHANGES OVER  
FOUR DECADES**

19:00-21:30

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