

Boston University
Dept of International Relations

CAS IR 365 – Spring 2008
Tues & Thurs: 11-12:30
Classroom: PSY B55

THE RISE OF CHINA

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Course Description

This course provides undergraduates with a broad introduction to China's political, economic, and strategic development during the modern era. The discussion begins with the lowest point in Chinese history when the country was rendered as a semi-colony of Western powers and ends with China's contemporary rise and implications for the world. The questions asked include: In what ways is China rising? How did it happen? How does China's rise impact the U.S and the global system?

The course is divided into four parts. Part I discusses foreign impact on China from 1840-1949. This part provides historical background for analyses of domestic and foreign policies in the People's Republic of China. Part II introduces China's strategic relations with major powers in the world, the Soviet Union, the U.S, and Japan. The third part examines China's economic reform and openness since 1978. Finally, the course discusses "China's peaceful rise" and the U.S response to it. It also examines social, ideational, and environmental pressure created by the rise of China.

Course Requirements

There will be an in-class midterm exam, one paper and a final exam in the regularly scheduled exam period. The midterm exam will be on March 20, Thursday. The paper will be about 10 pages long (double-space) and will be due on April 24, Thursday. Paper topics will be discussed in class. They are intended to give students an opportunity to think critically about an important topic covered in the course and to hone their analytical writing. The paper ought to be written independently. The final exam will be held on May 8, Thursday.

Note: The paper must be submitted on time. "On time" means the start of class on the day the paper is due. Late papers will be downgraded.

Course Reading

Most readings will be assigned from the following books available for purchase at the BU Bookstore:

June Teufel Dreyer, *China's Political System: Modernization and Tradition*, fifth edition, New York: Pearson / Longman, 2006.

Barry Naughton, *The China's Economy: Transition and Growth*, Cambridge, MA: MIT University Press, 2007.

Susan Shirk, *China: Fragile Superpower*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2007.

The books are also available on two-hour reserve at the Mugar Library. There are also articles supplied on Courseinfo website. You are expected to finish required reading before the lectures.

Policy on Absences

You are expected to attend all classes. Absences may be excused for medical, religious, official and personal reasons. Absence for purposes of representing the University in authorized athletic events or officially sponsored activities are excused by notification from your sponsoring department or activity. The stated University policy reads: "Any student who has been excessively absent from a course may be required to withdraw from that course without credit." I define "excessively absent" for this course to be six absences, excused or not.

Policy on "Incompletes"

No incomplete grades will be reported unless the instructor and the student have conferred, the student has presented a sufficient reason why the work of the course cannot be completed on schedule, and the instructor has assigned a date within the succeeding twelve months by which time all course requirements must be completed. This must be in written form. A "contract" must be signed by the instructor and the student. No degree credit for incomplete courses will be granted unless the work is completed by the date assigned, which must be no later than one calendar year from the date on which the incomplete grade was reported. In the event that course work remains incomplete on the assigned date or twelve months after the "I" grade has been awarded, whichever ever comes first, the "I" grade will be changed automatically and permanently to an F grade.

Policy on Plagiarism

Plagiarism is the passing off of the ideas or words of another as your own. It is taken very seriously at Boston University as at all institutions of higher learning. Those believed to have committed plagiarism must appear before the university disciplinary board a procedure that can result in a student's suspension or expulsion. Your papers should contain appropriate citations. It is better to use too many citations than too few. If you have any doubt about what constitute plagiarism, please talk with me. I reserve the right to use computer software for plagiarism detection.

Consult <http://www.bu.edu/cas/academics/programs/conductcode.html> for a systematic discussion of Academic Conduct Code of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Grading

Grades will be determined on the following basis:

Midterm exam	30%
Paper	30%
Final Exam	30%
Participation	10%

SESSION SCHEDULE

(subject to change)

Week 1: Introduction & Syllabus

Jan 17, Thur: China in the World

PART I. POLITICS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Week 2:

Jan 22, Tue: Tradition and Impact of the West

Reading: Dreyer, Ch 2-3

Jan 24, Thur: Communist Road to Power

Reading: Dreyer, Ch 4

Week 3: Politics of PRC

Jan 29, Tue: Maoist China

Reading: Dreyer, Ch 5

Jan 31, Thur: Post-Mao China

Reading: Dreyer, Ch 6

Week 4: Power and Authority of PRC

Feb 5, Tue: Coercive Power

Reading: Dreyer, Ch 8-9

Feb 7, Thur: Conformity and Dissent
Reading: Dreyer, Ch 12

PART II. CHINESE ECONOMY: TRANSITION AND GROWTH

Week 5: Pre-reform Economy

Feb 12, Tue: Tradition, Pre-Maoist Era
Reading: Naughton, Ch 1-2

Feb 14, Thur: Socialist Economy
Reading: Naughton, Ch 3

Week 6: Market Transition

Feb 19, Tue: No Class

Feb 21, Thur: Strategy and Process
Reading: Naughton, Ch 4, 7, 8

Week 7: Rural Reform

Feb 26, Tue: Rural Organization
Reading: Naughton, Ch 5, 10

Feb 28, Thur: Rural Industrialization
Reading: Naughton, Ch 11-12

Week 8: Urban Reform

Mar 4, Tue: Institutional and Structural Change
Reading: Naughton, Ch 13-14

Mar 6, Thur: Knowledge Economy, “Scientific Development”
Reading: Naughton, Ch 15

Week 9: China and the World Economy

Mar 18: International Trade and Investment
Reading: Naughton, Ch 16-17

Mar 20, Thursday: Midterm Exam

Week 10: China’s Macroeconomics and Finance

Mar 25, Tue: Macroeconomic Trends
Reading: Naughton, Ch 18

Mar 27, Thur: Financial Reform
Reading: Naughton, Ch 19

PART III. FOREIGN RELATIONS OF PRC

Week 11: Overview

April 1, Tue: Determinants and Goals of Foreign Policy
Reading: Dreyer, Ch 14

April 3, Thur: Strong Abroad, Fragile at Home
Reading: Shirk, Ch 1-2

Week 12: Domestic Threats and Grand Strategy

April 8, Tue: Domestic Threat
Reading: Shirk, Ch 3-4

April 10, Thur: Responsible Power
Reading: Shirk, Ch 5; Zheng Bijian, "China Peaceful Rise," Foreign Affairs Sept/Oct 2005, pp. 18-24; Alastair Ian Johnston, "Is China a Status Quo Power," International Security, Spring 2003, Vol 27, No. 4

Week 13: China's Security Hotspots

April 15, Tue: Japan Relations
Reading: Shirk, Ch 6

April 17, Thur: Taiwan
Reading: Shirk, Ch 7; David Zweig and Bi Jianhai, "China's Global Hunt for Energy," Foreign Affairs Sept/Oct 2005

Week 14: The Rise of China and the U.S

April 22, Tue: Anti-Americanism
Reading: Shirk, Ch 8-9

April 24, Thur: U.S Response

Paper Due

Reading: Aaron Friedberg, "The Future of U.S-China Relations: Is Conflict Inevitable?" *International Security*, Vol 30, No. 2 (Fall, 2005), pp. 7-45; Zbigniew Brzezinski and John Mearscheimer, "Clash of the Titans," *Foreign Policy* Jan/Feb 2005, www.foreignpolicy.com/story/cms.php?story_id=2740

Week 15: The Rise of China in East Asia

April 29, Tue:

Reading: Michael Glosny, "Stabilizing the Periphery: China's Strategy toward ASEAN," *Asian Security*, Vol 2, No 1 (2006), pp.24-57; Peter Hays Gries, "China's New Thinking on Japan," *China Quarterly*, 2005, pp. 832-850

May 1, Thur: Review

FINAL EXAM: May 8, Thursday