

## **POCC350 *Contemporary Chinese Politics***

**Dates/Times:** Tuesday, 1:30-4:20; 14 sessions, see detailed schedule below

**Location:** International Cultural Exchange School, Fudan

**Instructor:** Bo Peng

**Office Hours:** To be held immediately before/after class

**Credits:** 3

### **Course Overview**

This course covers 7 most significant issues of contemporary politics and governance in China, with an intention to encourage research interests on China. Based on empirical studies and working experience in government, each session will be lectured by Dr. Bo Peng, associate professor at Shanghai Jiao Tong University, deputy director of Policy Institute of Yang Pu District Committee, Shanghai, Chinese Communist Party (2004-2005). Each meeting lasts for three hours. The first two hour is lecturing with a PPT while the second hour as discussion based on each topic, including question-answers, comments and more detailed discussion. Introduction and suggestions for empirical study on contemporary China can be also expected in the meetings.

### **Grading**

Grades will be based on course essay on one of the 7 topics (40%), weekly response papers (45%), and class participation (15%).

## CLASS SCHEDULE/TOPICS

### **Session 1: China's Political System: An Introduction**

- The People's Congress System: a Constitutional Perspective
- The CPC's Leadership and Structures
- Personal Power vs. Institutional Power

#### Required Readings:

James C. F. Wang, (2002)

### **Session 2: Campaigning Politics in China since 1949**

#### Required Readings:

- 1 Kenneth Lieberthal, (1995) Chapter 3
- 2 James C. F. Wang, (2002), Chapter 2
- 3 David Shambaugh, (2000), Chapter 4

#### Suggest Readings

- 1 Gordon Bennett, (1976)
- 2 Charles P. Cell, (1977)

- 3 Richard Louis Edmonds, eds, (1999), Political movements. Change and Stability: The Chinese Communist Party in Power.
- 4 Tony Saich, eds, (2004)
- 5 Harding, Harry, (1981)
- 6 Shurmann, Franz, (1968)

### **Session 3: The Reform and Its Outcomes: Politics of Development**

- The Reform and Opening-up Policy
- Uneven development and Social stratification
- Recent Arguments on the Reform Policy

#### Required Readings:

Tony Saich, eds, (2004)

### **Session 4: Challenges and Responses: Current Issues of Chinese Party-state**

#### Required Readings:

- 1 Jonathan Unger, eds, (2002), Chapter 3,6,7
- 2 Peter Hays and Stanley Rosen, eds, (2004), Chapter 1,7,12
- 3 Tony Saich, eds, (2004) , Chapter 4

#### Suggest Readings

- 1 David Shambaugh, (2000), Chapter 5
- 2 Kenneth Lieberthal, (1995) Chapter 5,11
- 3 Richard Louis Edmonds, eds, (1999), An Overview of 50 Years of the People's Republic of China: Some Progress, but Big Problems Remain.
- 4 James C. F. Wang, (2002), Chapter 3
- 5 Lu,Xiao Bo, Perry, Elizabeth J. ed, (1997)
- 6 Susan Shirk, (1993)

### **Session 5: Political Ideology and Policy Orientation**

- Maoism and After
- The Socialism with Chinese Characteristics
- The function of Political Ideology/Propaganda

#### Required Readings:

Kenneth Lieberthal, (1995)

### **Session 6: Public Policy Making**

- Policy Agenda
- Policy Formation and Legitimation
- Incrementalism vs. Rationalism

#### Required Readings:

Hamrin, Carol Lee.Zhao, Suisheng,(1995)

## **Session 7: Public Policy Implementation**

- Central-local Relations
- Matrix Muddle
- Mobilizing Model
- Case Study: SARS

### Required Readings:

- 1 James C. F. Wang, (2002), Chapter 4,12
- 2 Kenneth Lieberthal and Michel Oksenberg, (1988)

### Suggest Readings

- 1 Kenneth Lieberthal and David M. Lampton, ( 1992)
- 2 Lampton, David M. (1987).
- 3 Hamrin, Carol Lee.Zhao, Suisheng,(1995)

## **Session 8: Reforming local governance in China: Scholarly reflection as a Part-time local Party official**

### Required Readings

- 1 Kenneth Lieberthal, (1995) Chapter 6
- 2 James C. F. Wang, (2002), Chapter 7
- 3 Read, Benjamin L.(2000)

### Suggest Readings

- 1 Davis, Deborah, etc, ed, (1995)
- 2 Lu,Xiao Bo, Perry, Elizabeth J. ed, (1997)
- 3 Wank, David L.(1999)
- 4 Vivienne Shue ( 1988 )
- 5 Victor Nee & David Mozingo , (1983)

## **Session 9: Social Conflict and Resolution in current Chinese cities**

### Required Readings:

- 1 Davis, Deborah, etc, ed, (1995)
- 2 Read, Benjamin L.(2000)

### Suggest Readings

- 1 Victor Nee & David Mozingo , (1983)
- 2 Bo Peng, (2005)

## Meeting 10: NGOs in China: Perspective of Governance

### Required Readings:

- 1 Julie Fisher, (1998)
- 2 White, Gordon, (1996)

### Suggest Readings

- 1 Davis, Deborah, etc, ed, (1995)
- 2 Victor Nee & David Mozingo , (1983)
- 3 Kenneth Lieberthal, (1995) Chapter 11

## Meeting 11: Current Issues of China's Democratization

### Required Readings:

- 1 James C. F. Wang, (2002), Chapter 10
- 2 Peter Hays and Stanley Rosen, eds, (2004), Chapter 4,6

### Suggest Readings

- 1 Suzanne Ogden, (2002)
- 2 Jean C Oi, (1989)
- 3 Merle Goldman (1995)

## Session 12: The Typology of China's Government and its Transition

- New Authoritarianism?
- Marketization vs. Democratization

### Required Readings:

Richard Louis Edmonds, eds, (1999)

## Session 13: Field Visit

## Session 14: Course Essay seminar

### GENERAL SUGGESTED READINGS

Bo Peng, (2005) "*State control and governance of residential communities*", China Perspectives, No.57, Feb. 2005.pp12-22

Charles P. Cell, (1977) *Revolution at Work: Mobilization Campaigns in China*, New York,Academic Press.

David Shambaugh, (2000), *The Modern Chinese State*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, U.K.

Davis, Deborah, etc, ed, (1995) *Urban spaces in Contemporary China*, Cambridge Univ. Press.

Francoise Mengin and Jean-Louis Rocca, eds, (2002), *Politics in China*, Palgrave Macmillan Press, New York.

Gordon Bennett, (1976) *Yundong : Mass Campaigns in Chinese Communist Leadership, China Research Monographs*, Berkeley, Center for Chinese Studies.

Hamrin, Carol Lee.Zhao, Suisheng,(1995) *Decision-making in Deng's China : perspectives from insiders*, Armonk, N.Y. : M.E. Sharpe.

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Kenneth Lieberthal and Michel Oksenberg, (1988) *Policy Making in China: Leaders, Structures and Processes*, Princeton University Press.

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Kenneth Lieberthal, (1995), *Governing China: from revolution through reform*, W. W. Norton & Company, Inc. New York

Lowell Ditemer (1996) *Approaches to the Study of Chinese Politics* issues & studies(TAIPEI) September Pp18

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Lampton, David M. (1987), *Policy implementation in post-Mao China* Berkeley : University of California Press.

Merle Goldman (1995) *Sowing the Seeds of Democracy in China : Political Reform in the Deng Xiaoping Era*, Harvard University Press

Peter Hays and Stanley Rosen, eds, (2004), *State and Society in 21<sup>st</sup> China: crisis, contention, and Legitimation* , RouldegeCurzon Press, New York.

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Read, Benjamin L.(2000) *Revitalizing the state's urban 'nerve tips*, Pp806-820 China Quaterly 2000, Sept.

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Shurmann, Franz, (1968) *Ideology and organization in communist China*, Berkeley: Univ. of California Press.

Susan Shirk, (1993) *The political logic of economic reform in China*, Berkeley ; Oxford : University of California Press.

Solinger, Dorothy J., eds.. (1984). *Three Visions of Chinese Socialism*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press

Tony Saich, eds, (2004), *Governance and Politics of China*, Palgrave Macmillan press, New York.

Vivienne Shue ( 1988 ) *The Reach of The State* Stanford Univ.Press.

Victor Nee & David Mozingo , (1983) *State and Society in Contemporary China*, Cornell Univ. Press.

Wank, David L.(1999), *Commodifying communism : business, trust, and politics in a Chinese city* Cambridge : Cambridge University Press.

White, Gordon, (1996) *In search of civil society : market reform and social change in contemporary China* Oxford : Clarendon Press.

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