

CHINESE FOREIGN POLICY

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Description

This graduate seminar examines the main theoretical and methodological approaches to the study of Chinese foreign policy. Discussion will focus on how various topics in Chinese foreign policy are studied, how they could be researched more effectively, and how they can be integrated into the broader field of international relations. The seminar also seeks to prepare students to write theses on Chinese foreign policy, comparative foreign policy, and international relations. Readings include books and articles that integrate the study of China's foreign policy with the field of international relations.

Materials

All materials with an asterisk (*) are available for purchase and on reserve.

Other readings are available on the Stellar website:
<http://stellar.mit.edu/S/course/17/sp11/17.408/>

Requirements and Grading

The first requirement is active participation in the seminar. A successful seminar requires attendance at every meeting and completion of all readings as well as active and engaged participation. To stimulate discussion, students may be assigned to give short presentations on assigned readings or to serve as “resident expert” for that week’s readings.

The second requirement is a research paper on the topic of your choice. The paper can take several forms. It can apply existing theories to a topic in Chinese foreign policy. It can develop an original explanation for a puzzle or problem in Chinese foreign policy. It can challenge existing arguments contained in the literature. The paper is due at 5pm on Friday, May 13, 2011.

Grades will be determined as follows: class participation (50%) and research paper (50%).

Course Information and Policies

Disabilities. If you have a disability and require accommodations, please contact me immediately so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Extensions. Extensions will not be granted except in case of emergency and in all cases require a note from the Dean or your doctor. Late work **will** be penalized by one third of a grade for **each** day that the assignment is late (e.g., a B to B-). The key dates for assignments in this course are outlined above.

Plagiarism. Plagiarism will not be tolerated. Plagiarism is “a piece of writing that has been copied from someone else and is presented as being your own work.” This includes ideas as well as specific phrases, sentences or paragraphs. **Do not misrepresent your own work.** See Avoiding Plagiarism from MIT’s Writing Center (web.mit.edu/writing/Citation/plagiarism.html) and MIT’s rules regarding academic honesty (web.mit.edu/policies/10.0.html).

Writing. The Writing and Communication Center (12-132) offers you free professional advice from published writers about oral presentations and about all types of academic, creative, and professional writing. To schedule an appointment, go to <http://web.mit.edu/writing> and click on the yellow sunburst. The Center’s hours are Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.; Friday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; and Sundays, 5:00-9:00 p.m.

SCHEDULE MEETINGS AND READINGS

7 FEBRUARY

Introduction

Background Reading on the Current State of the Field (not required)

David Shambaugh, "Studies of China's Foreign and Security Policies in the United States," in *China Watching*, Robert Ash et al, eds. (London: Routledge, 2006).

Thomas J. Christensen, Alastair Iain Johnson, and Robert Ross, "Conclusions and Future Directions," in *New Directions in the Study of China's Foreign Policy*, Alastair Iain Johnston and Robert Ross, eds., (Stanford: Stanford UP): 379-420

Allen Carlson, Mary E. Gallagher, Kenneth Lieberthal, and Melanie Manion. *Contemporary Chinese Politics: New Sources, Methods and Field Strategies* (Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2010).

14 FEBRUARY

The Korean War

*Allen Whiting, *China Crosses the Yalu: The Decision to Enter the Korean War* (Stanford: Stanford UP, 1960)

Thomas J. Christensen, *Useful Adversaries: Grand Strategy, Domestic Mobilization, and Sino-American Conflict, 1947-1958* (Princeton: Princeton UP): 138-176

Chen Jian, *China's Road to the Korean War* (New York: Columbia UP, 1994): 125-189

Michael Ng-Quinn, "The Effects of Bipolarity on Chinese Foreign Policy", *Survey* Vol. 26, No. 2 (1982): 116-130

22 FEBRUARY

(Monday Schedule of Classes)

Culture and Strategy

*Alastair Iain Johnston, *Cultural Realism: Strategic Culture and Grand Strategy in Chinese History* (Princeton: Princeton UP, 1995)

Wang Yuan-Kang, *Harmony and War: Confucian Culture and Chinese Power Politics* (New York: Columbia, 2010): 101-144

28 FEBRUARY

Ideology and Alliances

*Lorenz Luthi, *The Sino-Soviet Split: Cold War in the Communist World* (Princeton: Princeton UP, 2008)

Peter Van Ness, *Revolution and Chinese Foreign Policy: Peking's Support of Wars of National Liberation* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1970): intro; Part 1, section 1; Part II, sections, 4-6; and part III, section 8

7 MARCH

Rivalry

*Robert Ross, *Negotiating Cooperation: The United States and China, 1969-1989* (Stanford: Stanford UP, 1997)

14 MARCH

Territorial Disputes

*M. Taylor Fravel, *Strong Borders, Secure Nation: Cooperation and Conflict in China's Territorial Disputes* (Princeton: Princeton UP, 2008)

21 MARCH

Spring break!

28 MARCH

Individuals and Ideas

Andrew Kennedy, *The International Ambitions of Mao and Nehru: National Efficacy Beliefs and the Making of Foreign Policy* (Cambridge: Cambridge UP, forthcoming): TBD

Alastair Iain Johnston, "Cultural Realism and Strategy in Maoist China," in Peter J. Katzenstein, ed., *The Culture of National Security: Norms and Identity in World Politics* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1996), pp. 216-270

Feng Huiyin, "The Operational Codes Of Mao Zedong: Offensive or Defensive Realists?" *Security Studies* Vol. 14, No. 4 (October-December 2005): 637-662

4 APRIL

Military Doctrine and Deterrence

*Christopher P. Twomey, *The Military Lens: Doctrinal Difference and Deterrence Failure in Sino-American Relations* (Ithaca: Cornell UP, 2010)

Peng, Guangqian and Yao Youzhi, *The Science of Military Strategy [Zhanlue Xue]*, (Academy of Military Science, 2005): 394-474

11 APRIL

Nationalism

*Peter H. Gries, *China's New Nationalism: Pride, Politics, and Diplomacy* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2004)

Peter Hays Gries, Qingmin Zhang, H. Michael Crowson, & Huajian Cai, "Patriotism, Nationalism, and China's U.S. Policy: Structures and Consequences of Chinese National Identity," *The China Quarterly*, forthcoming, 2011.

Jessica Chen Weiss. "Autocratic Audiences, International Bargaining, and Nationalist Protest in China." Unpublished manuscript.

Daniela Stockmann, "Who Believes Propaganda? Media Effects during the Anti-Japanese Protests in Beijing," *The China Quarterly*, No. 202 (June 2010): 269-289.

Robert S. Ross, "China's Naval Nationalism: Sources, Prospects, and the U.S. Response," *International Security*, Vol. 34, No. 2 (Fall 2009): 46-81

18 APRIL

Patriots Day!

25 APRIL

Rising Power and Grand Strategy

*Avery Goldstein, *Rising to the Challenge: China's Grand Strategy and International Security* (Stanford: Stanford UP)

*Yong Deng, *China's Struggle for Status: The Realignment of International Relations* (Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2008)

2 MAY

International Political Economy

*Scott Kastner, *Political Conflict and Economic Interdependence Across the Taiwan Strait and Beyond* (Stanford: Stanford UP, 2009)

Daniel Drezner, "Bad Debts: Assessing China's Financial Influence in Great Power Politics," *International Security*, Vol. 34, No. 2 (Fall 2009): 7-45

Johnathan Kirshner, "The Consequences China's Economic Rise for Sino-U.S. Relations: Rivalry, Political Conflict, and (Not) War", in Robert Ross and Zhu Feng (eds.), *China's Ascent: Power, Security, and the Future of International Politics* (Cornell University Press, 2008): 238-249

Margaret M. Pearson, "China in Geneva: Lessons from China's Early Years in the World Trade Organization," in Alastair Iain Johnston and Robert S. Ross, *New Directions in the Study of Chinese Foreign Policy* (Stanford: Stanford UP, 2006): 242-275.

9 MAY

International Institutions

*Alastair Iain Johnson, *Social States: China in International Institutions, 1980-2000* (Princeton: Princeton UP)

Allen Carlson, *Unifying China, Integrating with the World: The Chinese Approach to Sovereignty During the Reform Era* (Stanford: Stanford UP, 2005): TBD