Global Taiwan  
JPA 411  
Mondays, 2-4 pm, Trinity College 24

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1. This is a seminar style class. Students are expected to have completed the readings PRIOR to the class meeting. Attendance is mandatory. Participation in class discussion will account for 40% of the course grade.

2. Most readings will be available on the course blackboard. In addition to posted readings, students are also expected to purchase the following two books (can be purchased at the UT bookstore):

   • Shelley Rigger, Why Taiwan Matters: Small Island, Global Powerhouse (Rowman and Littlefield, 2011)

   • Scott Kastner, Political Conflict and Economic Interdependence Across the Taiwan Strait and Beyond (Stanford University Press, 2009)

3. Students are required to write 5 three-page (double-spaced) reaction papers to weekly readings. These are NOT to be descriptive summaries of the readings, but rather critical reactions to and analysis of the readings. Each reaction paper is worth 8% (5 X 8% to total 40%). Reaction papers are due the day of the assigned readings.

4. Students are required to draft a 15 page (double-spaced) “research proposal” on any project related to the broad theme, global Taiwan. The research proposal is to account for 30% of the final grade. In the research proposal, students should consider the following questions:

   · What is the research puzzle/question; how does it relate to the them global Taiwan?
   · What are the theoretical and empirical implications of the research puzzle?
   · What theoretical literatures are used to animate the puzzle?
   · What is the general empirical context of the research question?
   · What methodological approaches work best in resolving the question?
   · What field research strategies would be appropriate?

· reaction papers (5 X 8%)  40%  
· class participation  30%  
· Research Proposal  30% (due on December 12)
September 12       Positioning Taiwan


Shyu-Tu Lee, Douglas Paal and Charles Glaser, “Response: Disengaging from Taiwan,” Foreign Affairs (July/August, 2011)

Shelley Rigger, Ch. 1, Why Taiwan Matters? (2011), pp. 1-10

September 19       Taiwanese Identity (guest, Shelley Rigger)

Melissa Brown, Ch. 1, Is Taiwan Chinese: The Impact of Culture, Power and Migration onChanging Identities (2004), pp. 1-34

Shelley Rigger, Ch. 2 and 5, Why Taiwan Matters (2011), pp. 11-40, 95-116


September 26       Democratic Transition


Shelley Rigger, Ch. 4, Why Taiwan Matters (2011), pp. 59-94

Linda Chao and Ramon Myers, Ch. 5-7, The First Chinese Democracy (1998), pp. 103-175

Yun-Han Chu, “Taiwan’s Unique Challenges,” in Larry Diamond and Marc Plattner, eds., Democracy in East Asia (1998), pp. 133-146

October 3  

**The Economic Miracle**

Shelley Rigger, Ch. 3, *Why Taiwan Matters* (2011), pp. 41-58

Robert Wade, Ch. 4 and 7, *Governing the Market* (1991), pp. 73-112, 195-227


October 17  

**The Knowledge Economy**


Joseph Wong, Ch. 1, *Betting on Biotech* (2011), pp. 16-42


Joseph Wong, Ch. 4, *Betting on Biotech* (2011), pp. 113-139

October 24  

**Cross-Strait: Conflict and Interdependence**

Shelley Rigger, Ch. 6, *Why Taiwan Matters* (2011), pp. 117-132

Scott Kastner, *Political Conflict and Economic Interdependence Across the Taiwan Strait* (2009), pp. 1-128

October 31  

**Being Marginalized: SARS**


Kow-Tong Chen et al., “SARS in Taiwan: An Overview and Lessons Learned,” International Journal of Infectious Diseases (Vol. 9, 2005), pp. 77-85


Shiing-Jer Twu et al, “Control Measures for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) in Taiwan,” Emerging Infectious Diseases (Vol. 9, No. 6, 2003), pp. 718-720

Media Coverage and Editorials

• Nature, “Taiwan Left Isolated in Fight Against SARS,” April 17, 2003
• Taipei Times, “WHO Memo Sparks Outrage in Taiwan,” May 10, 2011

November 14  Civil Society and the Women’s Movement (guest, Chang-Ling Huang)


November 21  Internationalizing “Progressive” Taiwan (guest, Chang-Ling Huang)

Shelley Rigger, Ch. 8 (“The International Birdcage”), Why Taiwan Matters (2011), pp. 163-184


**November 28**

Democracy: A Generation Later (guest, Shelley Rigger)

Shelley Rigger, Ch. 7, Why Taiwan Matters (2011), pp. 133-162


Ma Ying-Jeou, “US-Taiwan Relations in a New Era,” Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Washington DC, May 12, 2011 (transcript)

Alan Romberg, “Ma at Mid-Term: Challenges for Cross-Strait Relations,” China Leadership Monitor (June, 2010)


**December 5**

Why/Does Taiwan Matter?

Shelley Rigger, Ch. 8, Why Taiwan Matters (2011), pp. 185-196

- final research proposals due on December 12, 2011; to be handed in at the Political Science Department, 3rd floor, Sidney Small Hall