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State and Society in 20th Century China

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Course Content and Format

This course will examine China's efforts to reconstitute its political institutions following the collapse of the imperial system in 1911. Particular attention will be paid to the clash between competing conceptions of political development and the rival political movements and forces that espoused them. The search for an effective and stable political order in the face of external pressures and internal fragmentation will receive extended discussion. The failed effort to create legitimate and popularly grounded political institutions will be a major focus of the course. A secondary focus will explore the impact of rapid economic, social and cultural change on the political system. The course will be organized in a lecture format, though class discussion will be encouraged.

Grades will be based on *two term-tests @ 25% each and two papers @25% each.*

The readings will be drawn from the following **required texts**, available for purchase at the Bookstore. Asterisked items will either be distributed in class or posted online.

1. Lucien Bianco, Origins of the Chinese Revolution, 1915-1949.
2. Kenneth Lieberthal, Governing China, 2nd Edition.
3. John Gittings, The Changing Face of China .

Topics and Readings:

Sept. 16 **The Rise of China: Historical Perspectives and Course Overview**

1. John Gittings, The Changing Face of China, Chapter 1.

Sept. 23 **China's Traditional Order and the Problem of Change**

1. Lieberthal, Governing China, Chapter 1, pp.3-19.
2. Video: *Pacific Century* Part I.

Sept. 30 **Revolution and Reform**

1. Bianco, Origins of the Chinese Revolution, pp. 1-26.
2. Lieberthal, Governing China, pp.19-26

- Oct. 7 **Alternative Visions: The Republic and the May 4th Movement**
1. Lieberthal, Governing China, pp. 27-31.
 2. Bianco, Origins of the Chinese Revolution, pp.27-52.
 3. Chen Duxiu, "Call to Youth."*
 4. Video ("China in Revolution")
- Oct. 14 **The CCP's Route to Power: 1921-1935**
1. Bianco, Origins of the Chinese Revolution, Chap. 3 (53-81.)
 2. Mao Zedong, "Analysis of Classes in Chinese Society" (1926)*
- Oct. 21 **The Guomindang in Power: 1928-1937**
1. Lucien Bianco, The Origins of the Chinese Revolution, pp.108-139.
 2. Kenneth Lieberthal, Governing China, 31-39.
- Oct. 28 **The CCP: From Yanan to 'Liberation': A Peasant Revolution?**
1. Bianco, Origins of the Chinese Revolution, 82-108; 140-208.
 2. Video ("China in Revolution: II)
- Nov. 4 **The CCP in Power: The Early Years**
1. Kenneth Lieberthal, Governing China, 60-77; 86-99.
 2. Gittings, The Changing Face of China, pp. 18-32.
 3. Mao Zedong, "On People's Democratic Dictatorship." (1949)*
 4. Video ("The Mao Years:I)
- Nov. 11 **The First Five Year Plan and the "Hundred Flowers" Campaign**
1. Maurice Meisner, Mao's China and After, pp. 103-120*
 2. Kenneth Lieberthal, Governing China, pp. 99-103.
 3. Mao, "Ten Great Relationships." (1956)*
- Nov. 18 **The Great Leap Forward: 1958-1961**
1. Kenneth Lieberthal, Governing China, pp.103-112.
 2. Gittings, The Changing Face of China, pp. 32-41.
- Nov. 25 **The Cultural Revolution and the End of the Mao Era**
1. Gittings, The Changing Face of China, Chapters 3 -5.
 2. Lieberthal, Governing China, pp. 112-122.
 3. Video ("The Mao Years-II")

Dec. 2 **Term Test**

Spring Term: Topics and Readings

Jan. 13 **The Deng Era Takes Shape**

1. Lieberthal, Governing China, 123-148.
2. Gittings, The Changing Face of China, Chapters 6-7. (pp. 98-139)
3. Video ('Born Under the Red Flag'-I)

Jan. 20 **Economic Reform and Market Socialism**

1. Kenneth Lieberthal, Governing China, Chapter 8, pp. 245-272.; 362-368.
2. John Gittings, The Changing Face of China, Chapter 11, pp. 208-222.
3. Video ('Born Under the Red Flag' *cont.*)

Jan. 27 **Political Reform and Democratization in the Deng Era**

1. Gittings, The Changing Face of China, Chapters 8, 9 & 12..(pp. 140-186; 223-249)
2. Lieberthal, Governing China, pp. 368-373.
3. Video ("Born Under the Red Flag'-II)

Feb. 3 **The Chinese Communist Party-State in Transition**

1. Kenneth Lieberthal, Governing China, Chapters 6-7. (171-242)

Feb. 10 **Political Leadership in Flux**

1. Kenneth Lieberthal, Governing China, pp. 148-167.
2. Susan Shirk, The Political Logic of Economic Reform, Chapter 4 ("Leadership Incentives")*
3. Richard Daniel Ewing, "Hu Jintao: The Making of a Chinese General Secretary," The China Quarterly, March 2003.*

Feb. 17 **Central-Local Relations in Flux**

1. Lieberthal, Governing China, pp. 182-192 (Review); 316-321.
2. Philip Kuhn, "Can China Be Governed from Beijing?" (1998)*

3. Huang Yasheng, "Political Institutions and Fiscal Reforms in China," Problems of Post-Communism, Jan/Feb., 2001.*
4. Dru C. Gladney, Dislocating China, Chapter 2.*

Feb. 24 **Reading Week: No Class Meeting**

March 3 **Ideology and Value Change in Contemporary China**

1. Daniel Bell, "From Marx to Confucius: Changing Discourses on China's Political Future," Dissent, 2007.*
2. Anne Marie Brady, Marketing Dictatorship, Chapter 1.
3. Tianjian Shi, "China: Democratic Values supporting an Authoritarian System," in Chu, et. al. How East Asians View Democracy, 2008.
4. Kenneth Lieberthal, Governing China, pp. 355-361.

March 10 **State and Society in Flux**

1. Kenneth Lieberthal, Governing China, pp. 199-205; 289-314.
2. Ian Johnson, "The Death and Life of China's Civil Society," 2003.*
3. Gilboy and Read, "Political and Social Reform in China," 2008
4. Video ("China in the Red")

March 17 **Towards a 'Rule of Law?'**

1. Randall Peerenboom, China's Long March to the Rule of Law, Ch. 1-2.*
2. Yongshun Cai, "Civil Resistance and the Rule of Law in China," in Perry and Goldman, Grassroots Political Reform in Contemporary China, Ch. 8.

March 24 **Experiments in Grassroots Democracy: Critical Perspectives**

1. Tianjian Shi, "Village Committee Elections in China: Institutional Tactics for Democracy," World Politics, 1999.**
2. Lianjiang Li, "The Empowering Effect of Village Elections in China," Asian Survey, 2003.**

March 31 **China's Foreign Relations in Transition**

1. Evan S. Medeiros and Taylor Fravel, "China's New Diplomacy," Foreign Affairs, Nov./Dec. 2003.**
2. Stefan Halper, The Beijing Consensus, Chapter 1.
3. Lieberthal, Governing China, 326-331.

April 7 **Spring Term Test**