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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, and a **Course-Pack**, available for purchase from **T&T Copy**, 333 Bloor St. West.

1. Lucien Bianco, Origins of the Chinese Revolution, 1915-1949.
2. Kenneth Lieberthal, Governing China, 2nd Edition.

Topics and Readings:

May 17 **The Rise of China: Historical Perspectives and Course Overview**

May 19 **China's Traditional Order and the Problem of Change**

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

May 24 **Revolution and Reform**

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

May 26 **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")

May 31 **The CCP and the KMT (GMD): 1921-1937**

1. Bianco, Origins of the Chinese Revolution, Chap. 3 & Chap. 5.
2. Kenneth Lieberthal, Governing China, 31-39
3. Mao Zedong, "Analysis of Classes in Chinese Society" (1926)*

June 2 **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)

June 7 **The CCP in Power: The Early Years**

1. Kenneth Lieberthal, Governing China, 60-77; 86-99.
2. Maurice Meisner, Mao's China and After, Chapter 5-6.
3. Mao Zedong, "On People's Democratic Dictatorship." (1949)*
4. Video ("The Mao Years:I)

June 9 **The First Five Year Plan and the "Hundred Flowers" Campaign**

1. Maurice Meisner, Mao's China and After, Chapter 9.*
2. Kenneth Lieberthal, Governing China, pp. 99-103.
3. Mao, "Ten Great Relationships." (1956)*

June 14 **The Great Leap Forward: 1958-1961**

1. Kenneth Lieberthal, Governing China, pp.103-112
2. Maurice Meisner, Mao's China and After, Chapter 12,13,13a

June 16 **The Cultural Revolution and the End of the Mao Era**

1. Maurice Meisner, Mao's China and After, Chapters 17-19.
2. Lieberthal, Governing China, pp. 112-122.
3. Video ("The Mao Years-II")

June 22 **The Mao Legacy**

1. Maurice Meisner, Mao's China and After, Chapter 21.

June 24 **Term Test**

June 28,30/July 5,7 **Inter-session Break (2 weeks)**

July 12 **The Deng Era Takes Shape: Economic Reform and Market Socialism**

1. Lieberthal, Governing China, 123-148; 245-272
2. Video ('Born Under the Red Flag'-I)

July 14 **Political Reform and Democratization in the Deng Era**

1. Lieberthal, Governing China, pp. 368-373.
2. Maurice Meisner, Mao's China and After, Chapters 24-25.
3. Video ("Born Under the Red Flag'-II)

July 19 **The Chinese Communist Party-State in Transition**

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

July 21 **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.*

July 26 **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.*

July 28 **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.

August 2 **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")

August 4 **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.

August 9 **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.**

August 11 **Term Test # 2**