

**University of Toronto**  
**Department of Political Science**

POL 302Y  
State and Society in 20<sup>th</sup> 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.***

#### **Books: for purchase at UT Book Room**

Lucien Bianco, *The Origins of the Chinese Revolution*.  
Liang Heng and Judith Shapiro, *Son of the Revolution*.

All additional weekly readings will be posted on Blackboard under *Course Materials*.

#### **Topics and Readings:**

**May 15    The Rise of China: Historical Perspectives and Course Overview**

1. Martin Jacques, *When China Rules the World*, Chapter 3 ("China's Ignominy")

**May 17    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 22    No Class: Victoria Day**

May 24 **Revolution and Reform**

1. Bianco, Origins of the Chinese Revolution, pp. 1-26.
2. Maurice Meisner, Mao's China and After, 3-51.
2. Lieberthal, Governing China, pp.19-26

May 29 **Alternative Visions: The Republic and the May 4<sup>th</sup> 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 5 **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 12 **The First Five Year Plan and the 'Great Leap'**

1. Maurice Meisner, Mao's China and After, Chapter 9, 12,13..
2. Mao, "Ten Great Relationships." (1956)

June 14 **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.

June 19 **Video Session: "The Mao Years" (AV Library, Robarts, 3<sup>rd</sup> flr.)**

June 21 **Term Test**

June 26/28 **No Class: Term Break**

July 3 **Canada Day: No Class Meeting**

July 5 **Film: Born Under the Red Flag (Robarts, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, AV, Viewing Room)**

July 10 **The Deng Era Takes Shape: Economic Reform and Market Socialism**

1. Maurice Meisner, Mao's China, Chapter 24
2. Video ('Born Under the Red Flag'-I)

July 12 **Political Reform and Democratization in the Deng Era**

1. Maurice Meisner, Mao's China and After, Chapter 25.

July 17 **Political Leadership in Flux**

1. .Cheng Li, "The Battle for China's Top Nine Leadership Posts" (2012)
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.
4. Evan Osnos, "Born Red" (Xi Jinping bio)

July 19 **Central-Local Relations in Flux**

1. Philip Kuhn, "Can China Be Governed from Beijing?" (1998)\*
2. Huang Yasheng, "Political Institutions and Fiscal Reforms in China," Problems of Post-Communism, Jan/Feb., 2001.
3. Dru C. Gladney, Dislocating China, Chapter 2.

July 24 **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. Rebecca MacKinnon, "Networked Authoritarianism" Journal of Democracy (2011)

July 26 **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")

July 31 **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 2 **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 7 **No Class: Public Holiday**

August 9 **China's Future**

August 14 **Term Test**