

「中國大陸政治經濟專題」課程大綱

Seminar on the Political Economy of the People's Republic of China

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(上課時間：週四 15:30 ~ 17:20 / Class time: 15:30 ~ 17:20, Thursday)

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Course Description

As a core course in the department's program on East Asian studies, this graduate-level course, conducted fully in English, explores various dimensions of the political, economic, and social developments of the People's Republic of China since 1979. In addition to familiarizing the students with the empirical evidence and relevant methodology of such developments, this course also introduces the theoretical evolution/debates both in China studies and authoritarianism in comparative politics. An extended goal of this course is to prepare the students for delving into new research topics and conducting independent field research in China in the future. Students have to finish all the required readings and be prepared for heavy class participation before each class meeting. Lectures by the instructors where necessary play a supplementary role only.

Course Requirements and Grading Policy

- Four written essays of readings that summarize (and, preferably, also critique and/or compare) all readings in a given week (50%) .
- Participation in class discussion (and, if necessary, oral presentation) of weekly readings (50%) .

Weekly Topics and Required Readings

Week #1 (2/22): Introduction

Week #2 (2/29) Elite Politics: Formal Institutions/Informal Dynamics/the Xi Era (Instructor: Hsu)

- Lowell Dittmer and Yu-Shan Wu, "The Modernization of Factionalism in Chinese Politics," *World Politics* 47(4) (July 1995), pp. 467-94. (electronic journal available at NTU library website)
- S. Philip Hsu and Jhih-Wei Shao, "The Rule-Bound Personnel Turnover of China's Provincial Leaders, 1993–2010," in Chien-wen Kou and Xiaowei Zang (eds.), *Choosing China's Leaders* (New York: Routledge, 2014), pp. 97-141. (file downloaded from NTU COOL)
- Guoguang Wu, "New Faces of Leaders, New Factional Dynamics: CCP Leadership Politics Following the 20th Party Congress," *China Leadership Monitor*, No. 74 (Winter 2022), <https://www.prclleader.org/wu-december-2022>.
- "Officials implicated by the anti-corruption campaign in China since 2012," *Wikipedia*, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Officials_implicated_by_the_anti-

[corruption campaign in China since 2012.](#)

- Qingjie Zeng and Yujeong Yang, "Informal Networks as Safety Nets: The Role of Personal Ties in China's Anti-corruption Campaign," *China: An International Journal* Vol. 15, No. 3 (August 2017), pp. 26-57 (file downloaded from NTU COOL).
- Cheng Li, "Intraparty Elite Politics," in Jacques deLisle and Guobin Yang (eds.), *The Party Leads All: the Evolving Role of the Chinese Communist Party* (Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution Press, 2022), pp. 71-108. (file downloaded from NTU COOL)

Week #3 (3/7): Central-Local Relations (I): General Perspectives (Instructor: Hsu)

- Susan Shirk, *The Political Logic of Economic Reform in China* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1993), Chapters 1, 3, 4, pp.1-22, 55-91. (file downloaded from NTU COOL)
- S. Philip Hsu, "Central-Provincial Power Relations in the Fiscal Realm of China, 1980-2014," in John A. Donaldson (ed.), *Assessing the Balance of Power in Central-Local Relations in China* (New York: Routledge, 2016), pp. 19-50. (file downloaded from NTU COOL)
- Jae Ho Chung, "Studies of Central-Provincial Relations in the People's Republic of China: A Mid-term Appraisal," *China Quarterly* 142 (1995). (electronic journal available at NTU library website)
- David J. Bulman and Kyle A. Jaros, "Localism in Retreat? Central-Provincial Relations in the Xi Jinping Era," *Journal of Contemporary China*, Vol. 30, No. 131 (Sept. 2021), pp. 697-716. (file downloaded from NTU Cool)

Week #4 (3/14): Central-Local Relations (II): Specific Issues

- Lowell Dittmer and Yu-Shan Wu, "Leadership Coalition and Economic Transformation in Reform China: Revisiting the Political Business Cycle," in Lowell Dittmer and Guoli Liu (eds.), *China's Deep Reform: Domestic Politics in Transition* (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2006), pp. 25-48. (file downloaded from NTU COOL)
- S. Philip Hsu, "Balancing Developmental Needs with Vertical and Horizontal Power Competition in China, 1993-2004," in S. Philip Hsu, Yu-Shan Wu, and Suisheng Zhao (eds.), *In Search of China's Development Model: Beyond the Beijing Consensus* (New York: Routledge, 2011), pp. 128-146. (file downloaded from NTU COOL)
- Hongzhou Zhang and Alfred M. Wu, "Central-Local Relations in China: A Case Study of Heilongjiang's GMO Ban," *The China Quarterly* 255 (Sept. 2023), pp. 1-17. (electronic journal available at NTU library website)

Week #5 (3/21): The State-Society Relations (Instructor: Hsu)

- Hsin-Hsien Wang, "The Evolution into NGOs in Contemporary China: the Two Approaches and Dilemmas," in Hsu, Wu, and Zhao, pp. 208-227. (file downloaded from NTU COOL)
- Jessica C. Teets, "Let Many Civil Societies Bloom: The Rise of Consultative Authoritarianism in China," *The China Quarterly* 213 (March 2013), pp 19-38. (electronic journal available at NTU library website)
- Diana Fu and Emile Dirks, "The Party's Struggle to Tame Civil Society," in Jacques deLisle and Guobin Yang (eds.), *The Party Leads All* (Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution Press, 2022), pp. 269-294. (file downloaded from NTU Cool)

Week #6 (3/28): The Party-State and China's Overall Socioeconomic Transitions (Instructor: Hsu)

- Dali L. Yang, "Economic Transformation and State Rebuilding in China," in Barry J. Naughton and Dali L. Yang (eds.), *Holding China Together: Diversity and National Integration in the Post-Deng Era* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010), pp. 120-148. (e-book available at NTU library)

database)

- Minxin Pei, *China's Trapped Transition: The Limits of Developmental Autocracy* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2006), Introduction, Chapters 1, 3 (partial), 4 (partial), pp. 1-44, 109-131, 132-149. (file downloaded from NTU COOL)
- S. Philip Hsu, "In Search of China's Development Model: Beyond the Beijing Consensus," in S. Philip Hsu, Yu-Shan Wu, and Suisheng Zhao (eds.), *In Search of China's Development Model: Beyond the Beijing Consensus* (New York: Routledge, 2011), pp. 1-24. (file downloaded from NTU COOL).
- Yue Hou, "The Evolving Relationship between the Party and the Private Sector in the Xi Era," in Jacques deLisle and Guobin Yang (eds.), *The Party Leads All*. (file downloaded from NTU Cool)

Week #7 (4/4): National holiday, no class

Week #8 (4/11): China's Political Personalization under Xi (Instructor: Tung)

- Jiang, Xinhui, Sarah Eaton and Genia Kostka. 2023. "Provinces in Command: Changes in Prefectural Appointments from Hu Jintao to Xi Jinping (2003-2020)." *Journal of Contemporary China* 32(144): 963–983.
- Kautz, Carolin. 2020. "Power Struggle or Strengthening the Party: Perspectives on Xi Jinping's Anticorruption Campaign." *Journal of Chinese Political Science* 25, pages 501–511.
- Li, Zeren and Zeyuan Wang. 2023. "Judicial recentralization as political control: Evidence from the judicial leader rotation in China." *Social Science Quarterly* 104(4): 669–683.
- Miura, Kacie. 2023. "Strongman politics and China's foreign policy actors: maritime assertiveness under Xi Jinping." *International Affairs* 99(5): 2101-2118.

Week #9 (4/18): End of Factionalism in China? (Instructor: Tung)

- Choi, Eun Kyong, John Wagner Givens and Andrew MacDonald. 2021. "From Power Balance to Dominant Faction in Xi Jinping's China." *The China Quarterly* 248: 935–956
- Francois, Patrick, Trebbi, F, Xiao, KR. 2023. "Factions in Nondemocracies: Theory and Evidence From the Chinese Communist Party." *Econometrica* 91(2): 565–603.
- Li Z, Manion M. 2023. The Decline of Factions: The Impact of a Broad Purge on Political Decision Making in China. *British Journal of Political Science*. 53(3):815-834.
- Tung, Hans H., Victor C. Shih, and Keng-chi Chang. 2023. Compensation and the Consolidation of Authoritarian Power: Evidence from China's 2016 PLA Reform." [UCSD 21st Century China Center Research Paper](#).

Week #10 (4/25): Media Censorship in China (Instructor: Tung)

- Gallagher, Mary and Blake Miller. 2021. "Who Not What: The Logic of China's Information Control Strategy." *The China Quarterly* 248(1): 1011-1036
- Hassid, Jonathan. 2020. "Censorship, the Media, and the Market in China." *Journal of Chinese Political Science* 25:285–309.
- Ruan, Lotus et al. 2021. "The Intermingling of State and Private Companies: Analysing Censorship of the 19th National Communist Party Congress on WeChat." *The China Quarterly* 246: 497-526.
- Sun, Taiyi and Zhao, Quansheng). 2022. "Delegated Censorship: The Dynamic, Layered, and Multistage Information Control Regime in China." *Politics & Society* 50(2): 191-347.

Week #11 (5/2): State-Media Credibility in China (Instructor: Tung)

- Huang, Haifeng. 2015. "A War of (Mis)Information: The Political Effects of Rumors and Rumor

- Rebuttals in an Authoritarian Country.” *British Journal of Political Science* 47: 283–311.
- Sheen, Greg, Hans H. Tung, and Wen-chin Wu. 2021. “Citizen Journalism Reduces the Credibility Deficit of Authoritarian Government in Risk Communication amid COVID-19 Outbreaks. *PLoS ONE* 16(12): e0260961.
 - Gu, Yanfeng and Bingdao Zheng. 2023. “The Double-Edged Sword of State Media Credibility: Experimental Evidence from China.” *Journal of Chinese Political Science* forthcoming.
 - Wang, C., Zhu, J., & Zhang, D. (2023). The Paradox of Information Control Under Authoritarianism: Explaining Trust in Competing Messages in China. *Political Studies* forthcoming

Week #12 (5/9): In Party We Trust? Preference Falsification of Chinese Citizens (Instructor: Tung)

- Carter, Erin Baggott, Brett L. Carter and Stephen Schick. 2024. “Do Chinese Citizens Conceal Opposition to the CCP in Surveys? Evidence from Two Experiments.” *The China Quarterly* forthcoming.
- Hill, Seth J. and Margaret E. Roberts. 2023. “Acquiescence Bias Inflates Estimates of Conspiratorial Beliefs and Political Misperceptions.” *Political Analysis* 31: 575–590.
- Jiang, Junyan and Dali L. Yang. 2016. “Lying or Believing? Measuring Preference Falsification From a Political Purge in China.” *Comparative Political Studies* 49(5) 600–634.
- Shen, Xiaoxiao and Rory Truex. 2021. “In Search of Self-Censorship.” *British Journal of Political Science* 51, 1672–1684.

Week #13 (5/16): China’s Economic Statecraft (Instructor: Tung)

- Kastner, Scott L. and Margaret M. Pearson. 2021. “Exploring the Parameters of China’s Economic Influence.” *Studies in Comparative International Development* 56:18–44.
- Lim, Darren J. and Victor A. Ferguson. 2022. “Informal economic sanctions: the political economy of Chinese coercion during the THAAD dispute.” *Review of International Political Economy*, 29(5): 1525-1548.
- Miura, Kacie. 2023. “To Punish or Protect? Local Leaders and Economic Coercion in China” *International Security*, 48(2) : 127–163,
- O’Connell, William D. 2022. “Silencing the crowd: China, the NBA, and leveraging market size to export censorship.” *Review of International Political Economy*, 29(4): 1112-1134.

Week #14 (5/23): Local Governance Innovations (Instructor: Hsu)

- Joseph Fewsmith, *The Logic and Limits of Political Reform in China* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013), Chapter 3. (file downloaded from NTU COOL)
- Ethan J. Leib, and Baogang He (eds.), *In Search of Deliberative Democracy in China* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2006), Chapters 6 and 9. (file downloaded from NTU COOL)
- S. Philip Hsu, “In Search of Public Accountability: The ‘Wenling Model’ in China,” *Australian Journal of Public Administration*, Vol. 68, No. S1 (March 2009), pp. 40-50. (electronic journal available at NTU library website)
- Jun Ma and Muhua Lin, “‘The Power of the Purse’ of Local People’s Congress in China: Controllable Contestation under Bureaucratic Negotiation,” *The China Quarterly* 223 (September 2015), pp. 680-701. (electronic journal available at NTU library website)
- Diana Fu and Greg Distelhorst, “Grassroots Participation and Repression under Hu Jintao and Xi Jinping,” *The China Journal* 79 (January 2018), pp. 100-122. (electronic journal available at NTU library website)

Week #15 (5/30) : Historical Political Economy and China (Instructor: Tung)

- Dincecco, Mark and Yuhua Wang. 2018. “Violent Conflict and Political Development Over the Long Run: China Versus Europe.” *Annual Review of Political Science* 21:341–58.

- Huang, Yasheng and Clair Yang. 2022. "A Longevity Mechanism of Chinese Absolutism." *Journal of Politics* 84(2): 1165-1175.
- Mattingly, Daniel C. 2017. "Colonial Legacies and State Institutions in China: Evidence From a Natural Experiment." *Comparative Political Studies* 50(4) 434-463.
- Wang, Yuhua. 2022. "Blood is Thicker Than Water: Elite Kinship Networks and State Building in Imperial China." *American Political Science Review* 116(3): 896-910.

Week #16 (6/6): Final exam week, no class