

Fall 2012  
Political Institutions and International Political  
Economy: China and Beyond

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## Course Information

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Time: Tuesdays, 15:10-18:00

## Course Description

The first year of the 21 century witnessed the return of China to the international trading system, along with its growing influence in almost every aspect of our lives. This course serves as an introduction to the study of the rise of China and its impacts on both the analytics and empirics of international political economy. It selects several key issue areas where China has not only become a critical factor that cannot be ignored, but also posed some challenges to the conventional wisdom. This advanced seminar not simply asks students to know what had happened after China's rise, but also encourages them to challenge the received paradigms people have taken for granted for a long time.

## Course Requirements and Evaluations

- Class Discussion and Presentations (10%)
- A One-page Outline by Week 9
- A Mid-Term Presentation (Week 10) (10 %)
- A Project Presentation (15%) (Week 18)
- A Research Paper (65%)

# Class Schedule and Reading List

## Week 1 09/18/12 Introduction

### Part 1: Fundamentals

## Week 2 09/25/12 China and International Political Economy

- Alden, Chris and Daniel Large. 2011. "China's Exceptionalism and the Challenges of Delivering Difference in Africa." *Journal of Contemporary China* 20(68): 21-38.
- Bird, Graham, Alex Mandilaras, and Helen Popper. 2012. "Is there a Beijing Consensus on International Macroeconomic Policy?" *World Development* 40(10): 1933-1943.
- Keohane, Robert. 2009. "The Old IPE and the New." *Review of International Political Economy* 16(1): 34-46.

## Week 3 10/02/12 Political Institutions and International Political Economy

- Besley, Timothy and Anne Case. 2003. "Political Institutions and Policy Choices: Evidence from the United States." *Journal of Economic Literature* 41(1): 7-73.
- Hiscox, Michael J. 2008. "The Domestic Sources of Foreign Economic Policies." In John Ravenhill (ed.) *Global Political Economy* 2nd Edition. Oxford [England]; New York : Oxford University Press.
- Persson, Torsten and Guido Tabellini. 2004. "Constitutions and Economic Policy" *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 18(1): 75-98.

## Week 4 10/09/12 Veto Players and Institutional Analysis

- Tsebelis, George. 2002. *Veto Players: How Political Institutions Work*. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press. Chapters 1-3.

## Week 5 10/16/12 Autocratic Difference

- Gandhi, Jennifer. 2008. *Political Institutions under Dictatorship*. New York, N.Y.: Cambridge University Press. Chapters 4.

- Magaloni, Beatriz. 2008. "Credible Power-Sharing and the Longevity of Authoritarian Rule." *Comparative Political Studies*. 41(4/5): 715-741.
- Svobik, Milan W. 2009. "Power Sharing and Leadership Dynamics in Authoritarian Regimes." *American Journal of Political Science* 53(2): 477-494.

## Part 2: Regime Types

### Week 6 10/23/12 International Law: Ratification and Compliance (Subject to Rescheduling)

- Simmons, Beth A. 2009. *Mobilizing for Human Rights: International Law in Domestic Politics*. Cambridge [England]; New York : Cambridge University Press. Part I: Chapters 1-4.
- Vreeland, James Raymond. 2008. "Political Institutions and Human Rights: Why Dictatorships Enter into the United Nations Convention Against Torture." *International Organization* 62: 65-101.

### Week 7 10/30/12 International Trade

- Aidt, Toke S. and Martin Gassebner. 2010. "Do Autocratic States Trade Less?" *World Bank Economic Review* 24(1): 38-76.
- Dai, Xinyuan. 2002. "Political Regimes and International Trade: The Democratic Difference Revisited." *American Political Science Review* 96(1): 159-165.
- Mansfield, Edward D., Helen V. Milner, B. Peter Rosendorff. 2000. "Free to Trade: Democracies, Autocracies, and International Trade." *American Political Science Review* 94(2): 305-321.
- Mansfield, Edward D., Helen V. Milner, B. Peter Rosendorff. 2002. "Replication, Realism, and Robustness: Analyzing Political Regimes and International Trade." *American Political Science Review* 96(1): 167-169.

### Week 8 11/06/12 Foreign Direct Investments

- Choi, Seung-Whan and Yiagadeesen Samy. 2008. "Reexamining the Effect of Democratic Institutions on Inflows of Foreign Direct Investment in Developing Countries." *Foreign Policy Analysis* 4: 83-103.
- Choi, Seung-Whan. 2009. "Understanding Outliers in Foreign Direct Investment Data Analysis." *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 4: 183-185.

- Li, Quan. 2009. "Outlier, Measurement, and the Democracy-FDI Controversy." *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 4: 167-181.
- Li, Quan and Adam Resnick. 2003. "Reversal of Fortunes: Democratic Institutions and Foreign Direct Investment Inflows to Developing Countries." *International Organization* 57(1): 175-211.
- Zheng, Yu. 2011. "Credibility and Flexibility: Political Institutions, Governance, and Foreign Direct Investment." *International Interactions* 37(3): 293-319.

## **Week 9 11/13/12 Exchange Rate Regimes**

- Bearce, David H. and Mark Hallerberg. 2011. "Democracy and De Facto Exchange Rate Regimes." *Economics & Politics* 23(2): 172-194.
- Broz, Lawrence J. 2002. "Political system transparency and monetary commitment regimes." *International Organization* 56(4): 861-+.
- Leblang, David A. 1999. "Domestic Political Institutions and Exchange-rate Commitments in the Developing World." *International Studies Quarterly* 43: 599-620.

## **Week 10 11/20/12 Mid-Term Presentations**

### **Part 3: Institutional Variations and International Political Economy: China and Beyond**

## **Week 11 11/27/12 Electoral Institutions and Trade**

- Evans, Carolyn L. 2009. "A Protectionist Bias in Majoritarian Politics: An Empirical Investigation." *Economics & Politics* 21(2): 278-307.
- Grossman, Gene M. and Elhanan Helpman. 2005. "A Protectionist Bias in Majoritarian Politics." *Quarterly Journal of Economics*
- Rickard, Stephanie J. 2010. "Democratic differences: Electoral Institutions and Compliance with GATT/WTO Agreements." *European Journal of International Relations* 16(4): 711-729.

## **Week 12 12/04/12 Divided Government and Fragmented Authoritarianism in China**

- Elgie, Robert (Ed.). 2001. *Divided Government in Comparative Perspective*. Oxford [England] ; New York: Oxford University Press. Chapters 1,2, 6, 9, 11.

- Lieberthal, Kenneth G. 1992. "Introduction: The "Fragmented Authoritarianism" Model and Its Limitations." In *Bureaucracy, Politics, and Decision Making in Post-Mao China*.ed. Kenneth Lieberthal and David Lampton. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press.

## **Week 13 12/11/12 Divided Government and Trade Policy**

- Karol, David. 2000. "Divided Government and U.S. Trade Policy: Much Ado About Nothing?" *International Organization* 54(4): 825-844.
- Lohmann, Susanne and Sharyn O'Halloran. 1994. "Divided Government and U.S. Trade Policy: Theory and Evidence." *International Organization* 48(4): 595-632.
- Sherman, Richard. 2002. "Delegation, Ratification, and U.S. Trade Policy: Why Divided Government Causes Lower Tariffs." *Comparative Political Studies* 35(10): 1171-1197.

## **Week 14 12/18/12 Semi-Presidentialism, Intra-executive Conflict and China's Factional Politics**

- Schleiter, Petra and Edward Morgan-Jones. 2009. "Review Article: Citizens, Presidents and Assemblies: The Study of Semi-Presidentialism beyond Duverger and Linz." *British Journal of Political Science* 39: 871-892.
- Shih, Victor. 2004. "Factions Matter: Personal Networks and the Distribution of Bank Loans in China." *Journal of Contemporary China* 13(38): 3-19.
- Sokolowski, Alexander. 2001. "Bankrupt Government: Intra-Executive Relations and the Politics of Budgetary Irresponsibility in El'tsin's Russia." *Europe-Asia Studies* 53(4): 541-572.

## **Week 15 12/25/12 Federalism**

- Daumal, Marie. 2008. "Federalism, Separatism and International Trade." *European Journal of Political Economy* 24: 675-687.
- Jensen, Nathan and Fiona McGillivray. 2005. "Federal Institutions and Multinational Investors: Federalism, Government Credibility, and Foreign Direct Investment." *International Interactions* 31(4): 303-325.
- Montinola, Gabriella Yingyi Qian, and Barry Weingast. 1995. "Federalism, Chinese Style: The Political Basis for Economic Success in China." *World Politics* 48(1): 50-81.

## **Week 16 01/01/13 Holiday**

## **Week 17 01/08/13 Bicameralism**

- Bradbury, John Charles and W. Mark Crain. 2001. "Legislative organization and government spending: cross-country evidence." *Journal of Public Economics* 82: 309-325.
- Bradbury, John Charles and W. Mark Crain. 2002. "Bicameral legislatures and fiscal policy." *Southern Economic Journal* 68(3): 646-659.
- Heller, William B. 2001. "Political Denials: The Policy Effect of Intercameral Partisan Differences in Bicameral Parliamentary Systems." *Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization* 17(1): 34-61.

## **Part 4: Wrap-Up**

## **Week 18 01/15/13 Student Presentations**