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

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Course Information

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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


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


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


Week 5 10/16/12 Autocratic Difference


• Svolik, Milan W. 2009. "Power Sharing and Leadership Dynamics in Authoritarian 

**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.


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

• Aidt, Toke S. and Martin Gassebner. 2010. "Do Autocratic States Trade Less?" *World 


• Mansfield, Edward D., Helen V. Milner, B. Peter Rosendorff. 2000. "Free to Trade: 
Democracies, Autocracies, and International Trade." *American Political Science Re-
view* 94(2): 305-321.

• Mansfield, Edward D., Helen V. Milner, B. Peter Rosendorff. 2002. "Replication, Real-
ism, and Robustness: Analyzing Political Regimes and International Trade." *American 

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

• Choi, Seung-Whan and Yiagadeesen Samy. 2008. "Reexamining the Effect of Demo-
cratic 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 

• 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.


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


**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**


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


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


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


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


Week 16 01/01/13 Holiday

Week 17 01/08/13 Bicameralism


Part 4: Wrap-Up

Week 18 01/15/13 Student Presentations