

Fall 2011
The Rise of China and Theories of International
Political Economy: Selected Topics

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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 course will be organized around seven topics including trade policy, natural resource trade, diplomacy and trade, foreign direct investment, and policy diffusion. Except the weeks devoted to introduction and student presentations, the rest of the weeks are further divided into seven two-week units. For the first week of each unit, the class discusses general theories related to the topic chosen for that week. In the week that follows, we apply these theoretical perspectives to the Chinese case and assess if they still have explanatory power or need to be revised. In other words, 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 (15%)

- A One-page Outline by Week 10 (11/18/11, hard copies in class)
- A Project Presentation (15%) (Week 18 and Week 19)
- A Double-Spaced 25-page (at least) Research Paper (70%) (Due 01/31/12)

Class Schedule and Reading List

Week 1 09/16/11 Introduction

Week 2 09/23/11 Where is China in the Theories of International Political Economy?

Readings:

- [\[2\]](#)
- [\[33\]](#)
- [\[41\]](#)

1 Trade Policymaking

Week 3 09/30/11 Theory

Readings:

- [\[6\]](#)
- [\[19\]](#)
- [\[21\]](#)
- [\[26\]](#)

Week 4 10/07/11 China's Trade Policymaking

Readings:

- [\[10\]](#)
- [\[42\]](#)
- [\[47\]](#)

2 China and Industrialization in Africa

Week 5 10/14/11 Flying Geese Theorem

Readings:

- [30]
- [37]: CH. 1, 2.
- [40]

Week 6 10/21/11 Is China a Lead Goose in Africa?

Readings:

- [8]
- [9]
- [16]
- [38]

3 China's Resource Diplomacy and Africa

Week 7 10/28/11 Resource Curse Theory

Readings:

- [11]
- [39]
- [46]

Week 8 11/04/11 Conference Week

"The Chinese Model(s) of Development: Domestic and Global Aspects" held by the Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica, November, 4-5, 2011.

Week 9 11/11/11 Is China a Cure or a Curse?

Readings:

- [20]
- [31]
- [34]

4 China and Theories of Policy Diffusion

Week 10 11/18/11 Theories of Policy Diffusion

Readings:

- [15]
- [14]
- [43]
- [44]

Week 11 11/25/11 China Model as a Counter-Wave?

Readings:

- [3]
- [27]
- [32]
- [36]

5 Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

Week 12 12/02/11 Theory: Political Regime and Incoming FDI

Readings:

- [7]
- [22]
- [28]
- [48]

Week 13 12/09/11 China's FDI

Readings:

- [1]
- [17]
- [35]

6 Varieties of (Local) "Developmentalism" (VOD), Institutional Change, and International Political Economy

Week 14 12/16/11 Theory: Institutional Complementarities

- [4]: CH. 1 and Part II (CH. 7-10).
- [23]
- [24]

Week 15 12/23/11 VOD and China's Local Political Economy

- [25]
- [45]: CH. 1, 4-6.

7 Economic Coercion

Week 16 12/30/11 Theory

Readings:

- [5]: CH. 9-10.
- [13]
- [29]

Week 17 01/06/12 Economic Coercion, Chinese Style

Readings:

- [12]
- [18]

Week 18 01/13/12 Student Presentations (To be scheduled)

Week 19 01/20/12 Student Presentations (To be scheduled)

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