I. Course Contents:

Basically, this is a 'survey' course on the subject of social change and development in the Republic of China on Taiwan. The course will be divided into two parts. Part one deals with the overview of Taiwan’s socio-economic-political changes and modernization processes over the past 60 years or so (1949 - 2015). Part two touches upon some keen developmental issues such as demographic change, urbanization and regional disparities, income distribution, labor disputes, social movement, gender and family, education and value change, social welfare, globalization etc, which are confronted by Taiwan’s social change and modernization processes then and now. Both theoretical and empirical approaches will be adopted in the course.

II. Readings:

For the past 60 years or so, local scholars have been conducting quite a number of studies concerning our study subject. However, most of the findings were written in Chinese. Therefore, the attached syllabus contains only those articles and/or books published in English. Thus, the syllabus attached dares not to claim to be exhaustive in any sense though it may already looked by some of you as too heavy. Nevertheless, please do try to read at least two references each time for personal understanding of the subject involved and for class discussion.

III. Course Requirements:

1. One Group Project Term Paper & Oral Presentation—25 pages or so (40%)
2. Mid-term Oral Presentation (30%)
3. Class participation and/or discussion (30%)
Required Readings


I. Taiwan’s Socio-economic-political Development Processes: An Overview (1949 - 2012)

.into: Introduction of the Course

Historical Overview of Taiwan’s Development-Economic Perspective (I)

University Press. (browse)
Cheng, Wei-yuan, 1989, “Economic Dependency and the Development of Taiwan: Cross-sectional and Longitudinal Analysis”, pp.519-560. (can be found in Hsin- huang Micheal Hsiao, Wei-yuan Cheng and Hou - Sheng Chan (eds.), *Taiwan :A Newly Industrialized State*, Taipei: Dept. of Sociology, National Taiwan University.

**Historical Overview of Taiwan's Development-Economic Perspective (II)**

Same readings as Above

**Historical Overview of Taiwan's Development - Social Perspective with special emphasis on class formation for the past half century.

Introduction of Arthur Lewis's 'Economic Development with Unlimited Supply of Labor' Model.


Chen, Hsiao-hung Nancy, 2008. "Taiwanese High-tech Industries' Investment to Mainland China & Elsewhere: An Investigation from Global City-regions Viewpoint," *The Diversity and Dynamics of Global City- Region: Asian (Shanghai) and European (German) Cases Compared*, organized by Alfred Herrhausen Society, The International Forum of Deutsche Bank; Center for Urban and Global Studies, Trinity College; and Fudan University, Shanghai: Fudan University, May 31—June 1.

Chang, Mau-Kuei, "Middle Class and Social and Political Movements in Taiwan: Questions and Some Preliminary Observations", pp.121-176


Wu, Nai-teh and Chi-long Lin, "Democratic Consensus and Social Cleavage: The Role of Middle Class in Political Liberalization in Taiwan", pp.201 - 218.

The aforementioned three articles are contained in Hsiao, Hsin-huang Michael (ed.), 1993, Discovery of the Middle Classes in East Asia, Part III: Taiwan. Taipei: Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica.

Sheu, Jia-you, 'The Class Structure in Taiwan and Its Changes', pp.117-149.


The above three articles can be found in Hsiao, Hsin-huang Michael, Wei-yuan Cheng and Hou-sheng Chan (eds.). 1989, Taiwan: A Newly Industrialized State (Taipei: Dept. of Sociology, National Taiwan University)


Historical Overview of Taiwan's Development - Political Perspective


Gold, Thomas B., 'Changing Relations Between the State and the Private Sector in Taiwan and Mainland', pp. 59-87.

Tsai, Wei-hui, 'State and Modernization: A Comparison of the Role of State in the Modernization of Communist China and Taiwan’, pp. 89-113.


The above seven articles can be found in Hsiao, Hsin-huang Michael, et. al.
II. Specific Issues of Social and Economic Development in Taiwan

Demographic Changes in Taiwan

Chen, Hsiao-hung Nancy, 2013, "The Ideal & Reality of Taiwan’s Pension Reform", Keynote Speech, EASP 10th Annual Conference 2013, China: Beijing Normal University, July 11-12th.


Urbanization and Regional Disparity


Tsai, Hong-Chin, 'The Impact of Land Reform on Industrial Development, Local Politics and Taiwanese Intellectuals', pp.167-185.
The above three articles can be located in Hsiao, Hsin-huang Michael, et. al. (eds.) op. cit.

Income Distribution

Chen, Kuan-jeng, 'Social Differentiation in Taiwan: Measurement and
Labor, Mode of Production, Informal Sector


Council for Economic Planning & Development, “Taiwan’s Manufacturing Sector Planning & Development in 2015” (PPT)


Hagen Koo, 'The State, Industrial Structure, and Labor Politics: Comparison of Taiwan and South Korea ', pp. 561-580. (can be located in Hsin-huang Michael Hsiao, et.al. (eds.) *op. cit.* )


Social Movements Within the Context of State vs. Civil Society

York: M.E. Sharpe, Inc. (peruse)

Mid-Term Oral Presentation

**Family, Gender Role and Value Changes**


Chen, Hsiao-hung Nancy, “Gender Equality under Globalization: An Asia-Pacific Profile” (PPT)

Chen, Hsiao-hung Nancy, Women Status in Taiwan: A profile—Lecture Note (PPT)


Chou, Bih-er, “Industrialization and Change in Women’s Status: A Reevaluation of Some Data from Taiwan”, pp. 423-461.
The above three articles are contained in Hsiao, Hsin-huang Michael, Wei-yuan Cheng and Hou-Sheng Chan (eds.) *op. cit.*

**Education and Social Mobility**

Chen, Hsiao-hung Nancy, “Salient Problems Encountered by Taiwan’s Educational System” (PPT)
Chiu, Hei-yuan, 'Education and Social Change in Taiwan', pp.187-205. (Can be located in Hsiao, et. al. (eds.) *op. cit.*
Yi, Chin-Chun and Cathy R. Chu (eds.) , *op. cit.* (Peruse)

**Social Welfare Development**

Chen, Hsiao-hung Nancy. *Social Safety net: The Case of Taiwan* (PPT).
Chen, Hsiao-hung Nancy. *Political Context and Institutions of Social Safety Net.* (PPT)
Chen, Hsiao-hung Nancy, 2005 , “Universal Values Versus Political Ideology: The Virtual Reform Experience of Taiwan’s National Pension Plan”, in John Doling, Catherine Jones Finer and Tony


Multinational Development & Taiwan's Relationship With Outside World (with Special emphasis on Relationship With Mainland China and South-East Asian Countries)


New Internationalist Publications Ltd.


Gereffi, Gary, 'Industrial Restructuring and National Development Strategies: A Comparison of Taiwan, South Korea, Brazil and Mexico, pp.581-616. (Can be found in Hsin-Huang Michael Hsiao, Wei-yuan Cheng and Hou-shen Chan (eds.) *op. cit.*

Course Review and Final Group Project Presentation