

**GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**  
**The Sam Nunn School of International Affairs**

**INTA 8803FW. Government and Politics of China**  
(Graduate students)  
Fall 2018

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### **1. Course Description**

This course aims at introducing the main aspects of government and politics in China -- the People's Republic of China (PRC). The emphasis will be a historical and comparative description of the governmental institutions, political culture, political party -- the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), leadership, ideology, and other critical issues of policy-making in China. A central question especially deserves our attention: how different is China's politics?

There is no special requirement for this course except a willingness to read, think, and learn. The class will be organized as a seminar with a clear emphasis on having an extensive classroom participation of the students.

An effort of following the current events in the PRC is strongly encouraged. Publications such as The New York Times, The Washington Post, and the South China Morning Post as well as the web-based news services list below are good sources for up-to-date information of China:

China Digital Times: <http://chinadigitaltimes.net>

China Media Project: <http://cmp.hku.hk>

China Watch: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/sponsored/china-watch/>

The Atlantic-China: <http://www.theatlantic.com/photo/categories/china/>

China Daily: <http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/index.html>

### **2. Course Requirements**

Requirement	Marks	(%)
Participation/Attendance	200	20
Presentation	200	20
Reading Reports	200	20
Paper	400	40
Total	1,000	100

**Presentation** will be a research project exploring one aspect of the Chinese politics by the students. Each presenter should select a research topic to be approved by the instructor by Week 4. Sample topics are: China's political parties; leading factions inside the CCP; the political role of Chinese military; corruption of the Chinese officials. Each presenter should conduct a

collective research and write a report and, finally, make an oral presentation of no longer than 15 minutes to the class, followed by a 5-minute Q & A session. A written report (3 pages, single space or 5 pages, double space) is due on the day of the presentation.

**Reading Report:** You are required to write three (2-3 pages, single space) reading reports on McGregor, Wang 2005, and the foreign policy papers. The reports should be a critical summary of the book. No outside reading or research is needed. You are required to make an 8-minute oral presentation of one of your reports to the class on the specific due day.

**Research Paper:** You are required to write a research paper addressing one aspect of Chinese politics. Your paper topic must be submitted with a brief justification to the instructor by Week 4. It should have 18 double-spaced pages, excluding bibliography and cover page. The completed paper is due on the last day of class (Each student is required to also submit an electronic copy of the paper).

**Participation/attendance** is the instructor portion of your grade. It will be based on the quality and the quantity of your participation in class discussions and the Q&A sessions of the group project. The class will be a mixture of informal lecture and relaxed discussion. All views are welcome and those who participate actively will be rewarded appropriately. We all learn from each other's insights.

### **3. Learning Outcomes**

Student will demonstrate the ability to describe the social, political, and economic forces that influence social behavior and the global system

Students will be able to use their knowledge of international affairs in a practical way to address issues of immediate international concern.

Students will be able to understand current political events through an analytical lens of major theories of international relations.

Student will have cultural, contextual and ethical awareness of the diversity of cultural and ethical systems in the world.

### **4. GT Honor Code**

This class strictly observes the Georgia Tech Honor Code and does not tolerate any form of plagiarism, defined as “to steal and pass off the ideas or words of another’s as one's own or use another's production without crediting the source.” For questions involving these or any other Academic Honor Code issues, please consult me or visit [www.honor.gatech.edu/plugins/content/index.php?id=9](http://www.honor.gatech.edu/plugins/content/index.php?id=9).

For contact information of ADAPTS, see [www.adapts.gatech.edu](http://www.adapts.gatech.edu).

### **5. Course Materials:**

(Books are available for purchase online or at GT Bookstore).

William A. Joseph ed., *Politics in China: An Introduction*, New York, Oxford University Press, second edition, 2014. (Joseph)

Fei-Ling Wang, *The China Order: Centralia, World Empire, and the Nature of Chinese Power*, SUNY Press, 2017 (Wang 2017).

Richard McGregor: *The Party: The Secret World of China's Communist Rulers*, □Harper, 2012, (McGregor)

Fei-Ling Wang, *Organizing Through Division And Exclusion: China's Hukou System*, Stanford University Press, 2005, (Wang 2005)

Foreign policy articles to be posted on Canvas (Wang, Fei-Ling & Esi A. Elliot, “China in Africa: Presence, Perceptions, and Prospects,” *Journal of Contemporary China*, 23:90, October 2014: 1012-1032; Wang, Fei-Ling, “China’s Four-R Strategy toward the United States: Resisting, Reducing, Replacing and Reordering,” Mahendra Gaur ed., *Studies on China*, New Delhi, India: Foreign Policy Research Centre, 2015).

## 6. Course Outline:

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>(8/21, 8/23)</b>	<b>Introduction: The study of Chinese politics</b> Joseph 1-38; 485-490. Wang 2017 9-38
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>(8/28, 8/30)</b>	<b>Imperial China</b> Joseph 41-70 Wang 2017 39-98
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>(9/4, 9/6)</b>	<b>The China Order</b> Wang 2017 99-134
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>(9/11, 9/13)</b>	<b>Century of Progress and Humiliation (1840s-1949)</b> Wang 2017 135-158 <b>Presentation topic due 9/13</b> <b>Paper topics due 9/13</b>
<b>Week 5</b>	<b>(9/18, 9/20)</b>	<b>Mao Zedong Era</b> Joseph 72-117
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>(9/25, 9/27)</b>	<b>From Deng to Xi</b> Joseph 119-145 Wang 2017 159-193
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>(10/2)</b>	<b>CCP and Ideology</b> Joseph 149-221
	<b>(10/4)</b>	<b>Reading report on McGregor due</b> <b>No class – research and writing</b>

<b>Week 8</b>	<b>(10/9)</b> <b>(10/11)</b>	<b>No class- Fall recess</b> <b>The Rise</b> <i>2008 Olympic Games Opening Ceremony</i> ( <a href="http://v.youku.com/v_show/id_XMTgxNjA3MzU2.html">http://v.youku.com/v_show/id_XMTgxNjA3MzU2.html</a> )
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>(10/11)</b> <b>(10/13)</b>	<b>No class- Fall recess</b> <b>The PRC Legal System</b> Joseph 224-253
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>(10/16, 10/18)</b>	<b>The PRC Political Economy &amp; Legal System</b> Joseph 224-289
<b>Week 10</b>	<b>(10/23, 10/25)</b>	<b>The <i>Hukou</i> System</b> Wang 2005 1-149, skim the rest <b>Reading report on Wang 2005 due 10/25</b>
<b>Week 11</b>	<b>(10/30, 11/1)</b>	<b>Rural and Urban</b> Joseph 293-341
<b>Week 12</b>	<b>(11/6, 11/8)</b>	<b>Politics, Social Policy and Arts</b> Joseph 342-396 Movie: <i>Bachelor</i> (2010) directed by Hao Jie
<b>Week 13</b>	<b>(11/13, 11/15)</b>	<b>The Peripheral and Sectoral</b> Joseph 401-483
<b>Week 14</b>	<b>(11/20)</b>  <b>(11/22)</b>	<b>Foreign Policy</b> Handout articles <b>Reading report on foreign policy articles due</b> <b>No class – Happy Thanksgiving!</b>
<b>Week 15</b>	<b>(11/27)</b>  <b>(11/29)</b>	<b>Rise of China: Issues and Prospects</b> Wang 1-4, 175-218 <b>No calss – research and writing</b>
<b>Week 16</b>	<b>(12/4)</b>	<b>Presentations</b>