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Section: A

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Course Outline PLSC 341: Politics of China
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Overview

From the ruins of Cultural Revolution to Deng Xiaoping's economic reforms and market liberalization, China re-emerged as the second largest economy of the world in terms of Gross Domestic Products (GDP), and largest economy of the world in terms of Purchasing Power Parity (PPP). On its domestic front, the communist regime has performed well in curbing growing poverty rate and lifting millions of Chinese out of extreme poverty. On international front China emerged as one of the largest aid donor countries to the global south and has become an important actor in global politics. It is asserting its influence and trying to present herself as model for the developing world. This course intends to explore the political history of modern China, the role of ideology particularly Marxism, Leninism, and Maoism in shaping the identity of modern China. The conception of state, the notion "one country, two systems" the political and historical background of 'Cultural Revolution', the politics of communist regime with Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Tibet, the ideas of nationalism and the issues of modern identity in China, various reforms in political, social and economic systems, an introduction to Chinese law, and China's view on "rule of law".

Learning Objectives:

By the end of this Course, the students should be able to

- Understand the modern history of China
- Grasp major aspects of the Great Leap Forward and its impact on China
- Analyze the roots of the Cultural Revolution and its impact on modern China's history
- Know the history of China-Soviet Union Relations and the subsequent split between them
- Comprehend the significance of the US turn to China, and its impact on China's economy
- Learn about Deng Xiaoping's notion of "one country, two systems" and its impact on China's relations with Hong Kong
- Be able analyze Deng Xiaoping's economic and political reforms
- Know about One China policy and its impact on China's relations with Taiwan and with the world
- Be able to evaluate China's policy in Tibet
- Understand the relationship between China's growing middle class and the rise of nationalism in China
- The process of law making and policy making in modern China and China's view on 'Rule of Law'
- China's opening up policy in 1990s and its impact on global economy and trade
- Know the major components of China's foreign policy and its domestic roots

Requirements

> Week 1: Introduction to the Course

Topic: Course Outline, Grading Policy, Course Policy, Final Research Paper & Journalistic View on China

> Week 2: Introduction to the Course

Topic: Some Journalistic Views on China

- **Reading (1):** Does China Matter by Gerald Segal
- **Reading (2):** Chapter 1: "Changing of the Guards" by Martin Jacques

- > **Week 3: Introduction: Ancient Chinese Thoughts, Qing Dynasty and Progression to the Socialist Modernization**
 - **Reading (1):** Chapter (10) The Evolution of Ancient Chinese Thought by Qizhi Zhang
 - **Reading (2):** Chapter (14) New Issues in the Modern History of China by Qizhi Zhang
 - **Reading (3):** Chapter (15) A General Progression to the Socialist Modernization of the People's Republic of China by Qizhi Zhang

- > **Week 4: Political History I (1949-1957)**
Topics: Korean War, Hundred Flowers Movement, Cultural Revolution, Party Leadership
 - **Reading (1):** The Establishment and Consolidation of the New Regime by Frederick C. Teiwes
 - **Reading (2):** The countryside under communism by Richard Madsen

- > **Week 5: Political History II (1958-1976)**
Topics: Great Leap Forward, question of people's democracy, Cultural Revolution
 - **Reading (1):** The Great Leap Forward and the split in the Yenan leadership by Kenneth Lieberthal
 - **Reading (2):** Creativity and politics by Douwe Fokkema

- > **Week 6: Political History (III) (1966-1982)**
Topics:
 - **Reading 1:** The Chinese state in crisis by Harry Harding
 - **Reading 2:** Mao Tse-tung's thought from 1949 to 1976 by Dtuart R. Schram
 - **Reading 3:** The succession to Mao and the end of Maoism by Roderick MacFarquhar

- > **Week 7: Foreign Policy and the Relation with Soviet Union I**
Topics:
 - **Reading 1:** Foreign relations: from the Korean War to the Bandung Line by Mineo Nakajima
 - **Reading 2:** The Sino-Soviet split by Allen S. Whiting
 - **Reading 3:** China confronts the Soviet Union: warfare and diplomacy on China's Inner Asian frontiers by Thomas Robinson

Week 8: Revision of the Syllabus & Mid-Term Exam

- > **Week 9: Foreign Policy and the Relation with Soviet Union and United States II**
Topics:
 - **Reading 1:** The opening to America by Jonathan D. Pollack
 - **Reading 2:** Taiwan Under Nationalist Rule, 1949-1982 by Ralph Clough

> Week 10: China's Foreign Aid I: Introduction

Topics:

- Reading: Why China's Foreign Aid Matters? By Yasutami Shimomura and Hideo Ohashi
- Reading: The Chinese View: Reflection of the Long-Term Experiences of Aid Receiving and Giving by Wang Ping

> Week 11 China's Foreign Aid II: Impact and Future

Topics:

- Reading: China's Foreign Aid and International Aid Community: From the Perspectives of Traditional Donors and Africa by Izumi Ohno
- Reading: Future Prospects of China's Foreign Aid by Yasutami Shimomura and Hideo Ohashi

> Week 12:

Topics:

- Reading:
- Reading

> Week 13:

Topics:

- Reading:
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> Week 14:

Topics:

- Reading:
- Reading:

> Week 15:

Topic:

- Reading:
- Reading:

Assessment/Evaluation

Type of Assessment	Marks
Mid Term Exam	20
Final Exam	20
Class Participation and Attendance	20
Assignment On C-PEC	05
Group Presentation	05
Final Research Paper	30
Total Marks	100

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