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**IR/AS301H A CHANGING CHINA IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**  
**IES Beijing - Contemporary Issues Syllabus**

**DESCRIPTION:** This course presents and analyzes China's foreign policy and its role in international affairs, answering questions such as: how is China's foreign policy made and who are its key players? Does Chinese domestic policy shape foreign policy, particularly in issues of sovereignty (Taiwan) and national identity (Japan)? Does China's approach to engagement with world powers such as the U.S., EU, and Russia differ in its approach to the weaker and smaller neighboring countries to its south? What are the prospects for China's constructive participation in supranational organizations such as the WTO, ASEAN, and the UN? What does a rising China mean to the rest of the world in terms of international relations and power structures? The course examines research published by Chinese and Western scholars in six areas: the contextual background to China's foreign policy making; key policymaking institutions and strategies; the role of the Chinese military; unilateral issues (Taiwan, the U.S., the EU, Russia, Southeast Asian states); supranational organizations; and the current debate over a rising China. Upon conclusion of the course, students are able to provide sophisticated and well-researched commentary on the ongoing debate of the role a growing China will play in future world affairs. (3 credits)

**INSTRUCTOR:** Center Director or designated faculty member

**METHOD OF PRESENTATION:** Lecture and student presentations with active class discussions

**LANGUAGE OF PRESENTATION:** English, with introduction of relevant Chinese terms.

**REQUIRED WORK AND FORM OF ASSESSMENT\*:**

Class Participation—30%

Student Presentation —20%

Group Simulation—50%

**CONTENT:**

**Week 1**

**M: Overview and historical influences of China's foreign policy**

Michael Hunt, "The Pertinence of the Past," *The Genesis of Chinese Communist Foreign Policy*, Chapter 1, pp. 3-28.

Thomas W. Robinson, "Chinese Foreign Policy from the 1940s to the 1990s," in *Chinese Foreign Policy: Theory and Practice*, pp. 555-602.

**T: Contemporary and Ideological Influences**

Zhao Quansheng, "Chinese Foreign Policy in the Post-Cold War Era," *World Affairs*, Winter 1997, pp. 114-129.

Zhao Suisheng, "Chinese Nationalism and its International Orientations," *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 115, No. 1, pp. 1-33.

Wu Xinbo, "Four Contradictions Constraining China's Foreign Policy Behaviour," *Journal of Contemporary China*, Vol. 10. No. 27, pp. 293-301.

**W: China's key foreign policy players: Institutions and individuals**

David Lampton, "China's Foreign and National Security Policy-Making Process: Is it Changing, and Does it Matter?" *The Making of Chinese Foreign and Security Policy in the Era of Reform*, pp. 1-36.

Lu Ning, "The Central Leadership, Supraministry Coordinating Bodies, State Council Ministries, and Party Departments," *The Making of Chinese Foreign and Security Policy*, pp. 39-60.

**R: China's key foreign policy players: Institutions and individuals, & does domestic policy influence foreign policy in China?**

Xiaohong, Liu, *Chinese Ambassadors: The Rise of Diplomatic Professionalism Since 1949*.

Bonnie Glaser and Philip Saunders, "Chinese Civilian Foreign Policy Research Institutes: Evolving Roles and Increasing Influence," *The China Quarterly*, September 2002, pp. 597-616.

Yun-han Chu, "Power Transition and the Making of Beijing's Policy towards Taiwan," *The China Quarterly*, December 2003, pp. 960-980.

### **F: Strategy, Chinese sovereignty, and disputes**

Allen Carlson, "Constructing the Dragon's Scales: China's Approach to Territorial Sovereignty and Border Relations in the 1980s and 1990s," *Journal of Contemporary China*, November 2003, pp. 677-698.

Ming K. Chan, "Different Roads to Home: The Retrocession of Hong Kong and Macau to Chinese Sovereignty," *Journal of Contemporary China*, Vol. 12, No. 36, pp. 493-518.

### **Week Two**

#### **M: The Chinese Military and Foreign Policy**

Allen Whiting, "China's Use of Force, 1950-96, and Taiwan," *International Security*, Vol. 26, No. 2, pp. 103-131.

Thomas Christensen, "Chinese Realpolitik," *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 75, No. 5, pp. 37-52.

#### **T: The Chinese Military and Taiwan**

Tai Ming Cheung, "The Influence of the Gun," *The Making of Chinese and Security Policy*, pp. 61-90.

Jianhai Bi, "The Role of the Military in the PRC Taiwan Policymaking: A Case Study of the Taiwan Strait Crisis of 1995-1996," *Journal of Contemporary China*, Vol. 11, No. 32, pp. 539-572.

#### **W: Taiwan**

Robert Ross, "Navigating the Taiwan Strait: Deterrence, Escalation, Dominance, and U.S.-China Relations," *International Security*, Vol. 27, No. 2, pp. 48-85.

Thomas Christensen, "The Contemporary Security Dilemma: Deterring a Taiwan Conflict," *The Washington Quarterly*, Vol. 25, No. 4, pp. 7-21.

#### **R: China and Japan**

Robert Sutter, "China and Japan: Trouble Ahead?" *The Washington Quarterly*, Vol. 25, No. 4.

Benjamin Self, "China and Japan: A Facade of Friendship," *The Washington Quarterly*, Vol. 26, No. 1, pp. 77-88.

#### **F: China and The United States**

Wu Xinbo, "The Promise and Limitations of a Sino-U.S. Partnership," *The Washington Quarterly*, Vol. 27, No. 4, pp. 115-126.

U.S.-China Economic and Security Commission, *2004 Annual Report*, pp. 1-15.

Michael Swaine, *Reverse Course: The Fragile Turnaround in U.S.-China Relations*.

### **Week Three**

#### **M: EU and Russia**

Kay Moller, "Diplomatic Relations and Mutual Strategic Perceptions: China and the European Union," *The China Quarterly*, March 2002, pp. 10-32.

Lowell Dittmer, "The Sino-Russian Strategic Partnership," *Journal of Contemporary China*, 2001, Vol. 10, No.28, pp. 399-413.

#### **T: North Korea**

You Ji, "China and North Korea: A Fragile Relationship of Strategic Convenience," *Journal of Contemporary China*, Vol. 10, No. 28, pp. 387-398.

David Shambaugh, "China and the Korean Peninsula: Playing for the Long Term," *The Washington Quarterly*, Vol. 26, No. 2, pp. 43-56.

Anne Wu, "What China Whispers to North Korea," *The Washington Quarterly*, Vol. 28, No. 2, pp. 35-48.

### **W: Southeast Asia and India**

Ho Khai Leong, "Rituals, Risks and Rivalries: China and ASEAN in the Coming Decades," *Journal of Contemporary China*, Vol. 10, No. 29, pp. 683-694.

John Garver, "The Restoration of Sino-Indian Comity Following India's Nuclear Tests," *The China Quarterly*, 2001.

### **R: China and its accession to the WTO**

Gerald Chan, "China and the WTO: The Theory and Practice of Compliance," *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*, 2004, Vol. 4, pp. 47-72.

Wei Liang, "China's WTO Negotiation Process and its Implications," *Journal of Contemporary China*, Vol. 11, No. 33, pp. 683-719.

Yong Wang, "China's Domestic WTO Debate," *China Business Review*, Vol. 27, No. 1, pp. 54-62.

### **F: Participation in International and Supranational Organizations**

Alastair Iain Johnston and Paul Evans, "China's Engagement with Multilateral Security Institutions," *Engaging China*, pp. 235-272.

Margaret Pearson, "The Major Multilateral Economic Institutions Engage China," *Engaging China*, pp. 207-234.

### **Week Four**

#### **M: Participation in International and Supranational Organizations**

Susan Shirk, "China's Multilateral Diplomacy in the Asia-Pacific," U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, *China as an Emerging Regional and Technology Power: Implications for U.S. Economic and Security Interests*, February 2004.

[http://www.uscc.gov/hearings/2004hearings/written\\_testimonies/04\\_02\\_12wrts/shirk.htm](http://www.uscc.gov/hearings/2004hearings/written_testimonies/04_02_12wrts/shirk.htm)

Wang Hongying, "Multilateralism in Chinese Foreign Policy: The Limits of Socialization," *Asian Survey*, Vol. XL, No. 3, pp. 475-491.

#### **T: The Ongoing Debate on a "Rising China" and course wrap-up**

David Kang, "Hierarchy and Stability in Asian International Relations," *International Relations Theory and the Asia-Pacific*, pp. 163-189.

Thomas Christensen, "Posing Problems without Catching Up: China's Rise and Challenges for U.S. Security Policy," *International Security*, Vol. 25, No. 4, pp. 5-40.

Alastair Iain Johnston, "Is China a Status Quo Power?" *International Security*, Vol. 27, No. 4, pp. 5-56.

#### **W: Presentation Group Simulations**

#### **REQUIRED READING:**

*The course reader is a compilation of sources on Chinese foreign policy and China in international affairs written by Chinese and Western scholars. Most texts were published after 2000. Note that readings are assigned on the day prior to when they are to be discussed.*

Carlson, Allen. "Constructing the Dragon's Scales: China's Approach to Territorial Sovereignty and Border Relations in the 1980s and 1990s." *Journal of Contemporary China*, November 2003, pp. 677-698.

Chan, Gerald. "China and the WTO: The Theory and Practice of Compliance." *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*, 2004, Vol. 4, pp. 47-72.

Chan, Ming K. "Different Roads to Home: The Retrocession of Hong Kong and Macau to Chinese Sovereignty." *Journal of Contemporary China*, Vol. 12, No. 36, pp. 493-518.

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- Johnston, Alastair I. and Robert S. Ross. Engaging China. New York: Routledge, 2002.
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- Shirk, Susan. "China's Multilateral Diplomacy in the Asia-Pacific." U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, China as an Emerging Regional and Technology Power: Implications for U.S. Economic and Security Interests. February 2004.  
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- Sutter, Robert. "China and Japan: Trouble Ahead?" The Washington Quarterly, 2002, Vol. 25, No. 4.
- Swaine, Michael. Reverse Course: The Fragile Turnaround in U.S.-China Relations. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Policy Brief No. 22, 2003.
- U.S.-China Economic and Security Commission, 2004 Annual Report (Washington DC: [www.uscc.gov](http://www.uscc.gov), June 2004), pp. 1-15.
- Wang, Hongying. "Multilateralism in Chinese Foreign Policy: The Limits of Socialization." Asian Survey, May/June 2000, Vol. XL, No. 3, pp. 475-491.Wang, Yong. "China's Domestic WTO Debate." China Business Review, January 2000, Vol. 27, No. 1, pp. 54-62.
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*\*Details of required work:*

Class Participation and Attendance: Student participation in group discussion following lectures and student presentations is an essential part of understanding the course material. Attending class in a punctual manner and participation during each class session is expected.

Student Presentation: During each class session, students prepare a brief presentation of the required reading, discussing the author's main thesis and supporting points. Presentations should also discuss how readings apply to the broader scope of the course and provide questions for discussion.

Group Simulation: At the beginning of the third week of class, students are divided into groups and given a memo concerning a pressing international issue written to a particular Chinese foreign policy making institution. The group then assumes the role of members of their respective institution and uses materials from the course and outside research to prepare solutions to the policy issue. These solutions are presented to the class at large on the final day of the course in the form of a 20-minute presentation followed by a 10-minute Q&A session led by the instructor. Students are graded on depth of knowledge of the particular issue, understanding of obstacles to foreign policy making, and overall feasibility of their proposed solutions. Each group member is assigned the same grade.

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