Topics on PRC’s Political Economy

中国大陸政經專題

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Course Description/Objectives

As China has been rising dramatically in the past few decades from the ashes of the civil war-like ‘cultural revolution’ and is now increasingly integrated into the world system, its development and governance issues become more significant that the international society cannot simply ignore or underestimate. It is partly because China does not simply play an important role that power the world economy, serving as a world plant, but its development and governing mechanism has had a great impact upon both regional and global countries. The world health issue - SARS epidemic and the most recent milk toxic incident are examples of self-explanatory that demonstrate how and to what extent that China is heavily impacting upon the rest of the world.

This seminar-oriented course is in this context to critically investigate the relevant issues concerning the development and governance of Communist China, in particular from the 1980 onwards when the reform and opening policy was implemented. By means of reviewing existing literature with regard to the theoretical discussions on the theme of development, governance, governability, governance crisis and the like, we are well-positioned to explore and examine critically a number of (ongoing) development issues, such as party/political reform, social engineering project, and land reform project, that in one way or another relates to the PRC’s governance. It is hoped that through thought-provoking questions, class discussions, and essay writing will we enhance a critical and deeper understanding of China’s (in)capability in handling issues of development and governance in the age of globalization. Simply put, after taking this course, students should be better able to describe, explain, analyze, and/or predict many issues of development and governance in the Chinese context and their implication for the world, together with China’s sociopolitical / economic prospects in the decades ahead.

Term Paper: 15,000字（中文）; 7,000 words (English)
Core Readings

1. 楊光斌、寇健文主編，《中國政治變革中的觀念與利益》（北京：中國人民大
   學出版社，2012年）。

2. 王爍主編，《變革世界的中國策I》（南京：江蘇文藝出版社，2011年）。

3. Marina Yue Zhang, *China 2.0: The Transformation of an Emerging*  
   *Superpower And the New Opportunities* (Singapore: John Wiley & Sons, 2010)

授課大綱 (Syllabus)

2/20  課程介紹
2/27  和平紀念日連假（弹性放假）
3/5   中國政治變革中的觀念與利益（第一部份：中國政治發展道路）
3/12  中國政治變革中的觀念與利益（第三部份：部門政治與地方政治）
3/19  中國政治變革中的觀念與利益（第四部份：市場與政治）
3/26  視聽教學 I
4/2   校際活動週（放假）
4/9   China 2.0 (The China 2.0 Express Has Arrived)
4/16  China 2.0 (Chinese Walls Are Falling Down)
4/23  China 2.0 (One Billion Consumers Are Waking Up)
4/30  China 2.0 (The Mix of China’s Capitalism)
5/7   視聽教學 II
5/14  China 2.0 (Building a Harmonious Society)
5/21  China 2.0 (The Dawn of China’s Century)
5/28  China 2.0 (The Financial Crisis, China’s Reaction, and New  
   Opportunities)
6/4   變革世界的中國策 I（第一篇：中國如何認知與適應新角色；第二  
   篇：十二五方略；第三篇：三農與城市化）
6/11  變革世界的中國策 I（第四篇：民生與收入分配；第五篇：國有經  
   濟與市場化；第六篇：政治改革、法治與公民權利）
6/22  期末報告繳交 (Term Paper Due)