



Syllabus

Contemporary China: Society Economy & Politics - 46012

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HU Credits: 2

Responsible Department: Asian Studies

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Ein Karem

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Course/Module description:

An introductory survey course which presents an overview of the main political, ideological, economic, and social developments that have occurred in the People's Republic of China since the launch of reforms in 1978, with a focus on the changing features of the state-society relationship in post-socialist China

Course/Module aims:

- To present the background for the major political, ideological, economic, and social developments which have occurred in the PRC in the last four decades while considering the main features of these developments*
- To survey the main achievements of the Chinese government in the realm of domestic policy from 1978 to the present*
- To discuss the domestic challenges the Chinese government currently faces, including the crisis in the rural sector; the problems caused by rapid migration and urbanization; the deepening socioeconomic gaps; the demographic, social, and economic implications of the Chinese government's population policy ; growing social protest and the emergence of a new type of "civil society"; and the relationship between the Chinese government and the PRC's ethnic minorities*

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

- Describe the background for the major political, ideological, economic, and social developments which have occurred in China since 1978*
- Outline the main features of the major political, ideological, economic, and social developments which have occurred in China since 1978*
- Present the outcomes and implications of the aforementioned developments while identifying the main achievements of Chinese government domestic policies in the past four decades or so*
- Identify the main problems and challenges the Chinese government currently faces within the domestic sphere*
- List the major features of the state-society relationship in China since 1978*

Attendance requirements(%):

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Zoom lectures (attendance required)

Course/Module Content:

**Introduction: Historical Background; Central Issues and Themes of the Course*

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- *The "Third Plenum" (1978) and the First Wave of Rural Reforms (HRS and TVEs)*
 - *Urban Economy and Society*
 - *Rapid Economic Development: Its Main Generators and the Problem of Inequality*
 - *The Structure of the Chinese Political System*
 - *Central-Local Government(s) Relations and Their Implications*
 - *Ideological Developments in the Post-Mao Era*
 - *The State and Civil Society since 1978*
 - *The Chinese Government and the Ethnic Minorities since 1978*
 - *Conclusion: Facing the Challenges? China in the 21st Century*

Required Reading:

please see course site on Moodle

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 80 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 20 %

Other 0 %

Additional information:

Final exam is a home exam. Bonus of up to 10 points for active participation