Syllabus

CHINAS DIPLOMACY IN TRANSITION AFTER 1976 - 46149

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Asia Studies

Academic year: 2

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:
This introductory course will provide the students with knowledge on China's foreign policy system, its origin and historical background, principles, political content and decision making process. The main themes include China's foreign policy changes and transition since the beginning of the Reform Era in the late 1970's, the major figures and institutions behind the foreign policy decision making, China's core national interests and its impact on the foreign policy in bilateral and multilateral spheres.

Course/Module aims:
The aim is to provide the students with better understanding on figures and institutions behind the foreign policy decision making, China's core national interests and its impact on the foreign policy in bilateral and multilateral spheres.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
To have a better understanding on figures and institutions behind the foreign policy decision making, China's core national interests and its impact on the foreign policy in bilateral and multilateral spheres.

Attendance requirements(%):
100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lectures and discussions

Course/Module Content:
Week 1: Diplomatic theoretical concepts, China's historical perspectives

Week 2: China's Foreign Policy management during the end of the empire and the Republic Era

Week 3: Mao Zedong and Zhou Enlai, the political evolution of the Chinese Communist Party

Week 4: The aftershock of the 'Cultural Revolution' and the rise of Deng Xiaoping

Week 5: The Tiananmen crisis and its impact on China's foreign policy

Week 6: Decision Making Process: the Communist Party and government institutions
Week 7: China's Core National Interests and regional policy

Week 8: China, Taiwan and the United States

Week 9: China, the Middle East and Israel
Week 10: Non-Proliferation and Arms Control challenges
Week 11: Changes in China's multilateral policy
Week 12: The Economic dimension – Africa, environment and natural resources

Required Reading:

Week 1: Diplomatic theoretical concepts, China's historical perspectives


Week 2: China's Foreign Policy management during the end of the empire and the Republic Era


Dong Wang, China's Unequal Treaties, Oxford: Lexington Books, 2005, Chapter 1: Tracing the Contours of the Unequal Treaties in Imperial China1840-1911, pp. 9-27

Week 3: Mao Zedong and Zhou Enlai, the political evolution of the Chinese Communist Party


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Week 6: Decision Making Process: the Communist Party and government institutions

Michael F. Martin, Understanding China’s Political System, Congressional Research Service, April 14, 2010

Jakobson Linda and Dean Knox, New Foreign Policy Actors in China, SIPRI Policy Paper, September 2010


Week 7: China's Core National Interests and regional policy


Toshi Yoshihara and James R. Holmes, "Can China Defend a “Core Interest” in the South China Sea?," The Washington Quarterly, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Spring 2011, pp. 45-59

Week 8: China, Taiwan and the United States

Joint Communique of the United States of America and the People's Republic of China (Shanghai Communique), February 28, 1972


Wang Jisi, "China's Search for Stability with America", Foreign Affairs, September/October 2005
Week 9: China, the Middle East and Israel


Week 10: Non-Proliferation and Arms Control challenges


The Iran Nuclear Issue: The View from Beijing, International Crisis Group, Asia Briefing N°100, Beijing/Brussels, 17 February 2010

Week 11: Changes in China's multilateral policy


Week 12: The Economic dimension – Africa, environment and natural resources


Additional Reading Material:
Qian Qichen, Ten Episodes in China's Diplomacy, NY: Harper Collins Publisher,
2005

**Course/Module evaluation:**
- End of year written/oral examination 0 %
- Presentation 0 %
- Participation in Tutorials 5 %
- Project work 80 %
- Assignments 15 %
- Reports 0 %
- Research project 0 %
- Quizzes 0 %
- Other 0 %

**Additional information:**