

COURSE OUTLINE

COSB30: CHINA TODAY-POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS, SOCIETAL ISSUES AND GLOBAL INFLUENCES

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Place:

Lectures and seminars will be held at the Centre for East and South East Asian Studies, Solvegatan 18B, room 005 (downstairs)

Lecture 1: Introduction and Political system (Benjamin), 16 January, 10.15 – 12.00

Joseph, William A. (ed.) (2019). *Politics in China: An Introduction*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (third edition). (Chapter 1).

Wasserstrom, Jeffrey. ed. (2016). *The Oxford Illustrated History of Modern China*. (Chapters 10 and 11).

Film screening: A Young Patriot,

At home

Lecture 2: Political ideology (Benjamin), 18 January, 10.15 – 12.00

Cai, Shenshen. 2016. 'The Chinese Moon Festival Gala 2009–2014', in *State Propaganda in China's Entertainment Industry*. Abingdon: Routledge. 15–37.

Joseph, William A. (ed.) (2019). *Politics in China: An Introduction*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (third edition). (Chapter 5)

Wasserstrom, Jeffrey. ed. (2016). *The Oxford Illustrated History of Modern China*. (Chapter 12).

Lecture 3: Media and digital developments (Benjamin), 23 January, 10.15 – 12.00

Fang, Kecheng. (2019). 'Is Cyber-Nationalism on the Rise in China?' *Echowall*, <https://theasiadialogue.com/2020/02/07/the-long-read-is-cyber-nationalism-on-the-rise-in-china/>

Freedom House. (2021). *China Freedom on the Net*,
<https://freedomhouse.org/country/china/freedom-net/2021>

Joseph, William A. (ed.) (2019). *Politics in China: An Introduction*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (third edition). (Chapter 15)

Seminar 1: Politics and Ideology (Benjamin), 25 January, 10.15 – 12.00

Seminar paper 1, 25 January – 1 February, (hand out: 9:00 – submission 10:00)

Lecture 4: Rural China (Stefan), 2 February, 10.15 – 12.00

Joseph, William A. (ed.) (2019). *Politics in China: An Introduction*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (third edition). (Chapter 9)

Hong, Yang, and Carol Fuller. (2019). 'Alone and "left behind": A case study of "left-behind children" in rural China.' *Cogent Education* 6(1), pp. 1-19.

Meyer-Clement, E. (2020). Rural urbanization under Xi Jinping: From rapid community building to steady urbanization?. *China Information*, 34(2), 187-207.

Ye, Jingzhong. (2018). 'Stayers in China's "hollowed-out" villages: A counter narrative on massive rural–urban migration.' *Population, Space and Place* 24(4), pp. 1- 10.

Lecture 5: Urban China (Stefan), 6 February, 10.15 – 12.00

Joseph, William A. (ed.) (2019). *Politics in China: An Introduction*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (third edition). (Chapter 10)

Dong, Yiming, and Charlotte Goodburn. (2020) "Residence permits and points systems: New forms of educational and social stratification in urban China." *Journal of Contemporary China* 29 (125), pp. 647-666.

Tang, Beibei. (2020). 'Grid governance in China's urban middle-class neighbourhoods.' *The China Quarterly* 241, pp. 43-61.

Zhan, Yang. (2018). The urbanisation of rural migrants and the making of urban villages in contemporary China. *Urban Studies*, 55(7), 1525–1540.

Lecture 6: Economic transitions, 8 February, 10.15 – 12.00

Garnaut, Ross, Ligang Song, and Cai Fang. *China's 40 years of reform and development: 1978–2018*. ANU Press, 2018. (Chapters 2, 5, 6)

Lecture 7: Demographic developments (Stefan), 13 February, 10.15 – 12.00

Johnston, Lauren A. (2021). Understanding demographic challenges of transition through the China lens. In *The Palgrave Handbook of Comparative Economics* (pp. 661-691). Palgrave Macmillan, Cham.

Joseph, William A. (ed.) (2019). *Politics in China: An Introduction*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (third edition). (Chapter 14)

Lecture 8: Environmental challenges (Stefan), 15 February, 10.15 – 12.00

Albert, Eleanor and Beina Xu, "China's Environmental Crisis," Council on Foreign Relations. Available at: <https://www.cfr.org/backgrounder/chinas-environmental-crisis> (Links to an external site.)

Joseph, William A. (ed.) (2019). *Politics in China: An Introduction*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (third edition). (Chapter 12)

Li, Yifei, and Judith Shapiro. (2020). 'China goes green: Coercive environmentalism for a troubled planet'. John Wiley & Sons, 2020. (Introduction and chapter 1)

Lecture 9: Sustainable living (Gina), 20 February, 10.15 – 12.00

Hansen, Mette Halskov, Li, Hongtao and Svarverud, Rune. (2018). 'Ecological civilization: Interpreting the Chinese past, projecting the global future.' *Global Environmental Change* 53, pp. 195-203.

Laura-Weinwright, Anna. (2019). 'Removing Mountains and Draining Seas', in: Sorace, Christian, Franceschini, Ivan, Loubere, Nicholas. (eds.). *Afterlives of Chinese Communism*. London and Canberra: Verso and ANU Press, pp. 221-224.

Liu, Wenling, Oosterveer, Peter and Spaargaren, Gert. (2016). 'Promoting sustainable consumption in China: A conceptual framework and research review.' *Journal of Cleaner Production* 134 (2016): 13-21.

Wei, Fuwen, et al. "Ecological civilization: China's effort to build a shared future for all life on earth." *National Science Review* 8.7 (2021): 279.

Seminar 2: Social developments and challenges (Stefan), 22 February, 10.15 – 12.00

Seminar paper 2, 22 – 29 February (handout: 09.00 – submission: 10.00)

Lecture 10: Gender and feminism (Jinyan), 1 March, 10.15 – 12.00

Harrell, Stevan and Santos, Gonçalo. (2017) 'Introduction', in Santos, G. and Harrell, S. (eds) *Transforming patriarchy: Chinese families in the twenty-first century*. Seattle and London: University of Washington Press, pp. 3–36.

Ho, Petula Sik Ying *et al.* (2018) 'Sex With Chinese Characteristics: Sexuality Research in/on 21st-Century China', *The Journal of Sex Research*, 55(4–5), pp. 486–521.

Kehoe, Séagh. (2019). 'Global Connections: Chinese Feminism, Tibet, and Xinjiang,' *Made in China Journal*, 4(1): 72–77.

Lecture 11: Religion and ethnicity (Jinyan), 5 March, 10.15 – 12.00

Barnett, Robert. (2015) 'DV-made Tibet: Domestic Videos, Elite Films, and the Work of Pema Tsenden', in *DV-Made China*. Hawai'i: University of Hawai'i Press (Digital Subjects and Social Transformations after Independent Film), pp. 119–162.

- Deeg, Max. (2015). 'Religion in China: Introduction.' In Religion in China: Major Concepts and Minority Positions, edited by Max Deeg, 1st ed., pp. 1–12. Austrian Academy of Sciences Press. (available as e-book via LU library)
- Leibold, James. (2020). 'Surveillance in China's Xinjiang Region: Ethnic Sorting, Coercion, and Inducement,' *Journal of Contemporary China*, 29(121): 46-60.
- Leibold, James and Grose, Timothy A. (2019) 'Cultural and Political Disciplining inside China's Dislocated Minority Schooling System', *Asian Studies Review*, 43(1), pp. 16–35. doi:10.1080/10357823.2018.1548571.
- Zhou, Xiping. (2015). 'Religious Policy and the Concept of Religion in China.' In Religion in China: Major Concepts and Minority Positions, edited by Max Deeg, 1st ed., pp. 51–64. Austrian Academy of Sciences Press. (available as e-book via LU library)

Lecture 12: Foreign policy (Tabita), 7 March, 10.15 – 12.00

- Jerdén, Björn and Bohman, Viking. (2019). *China's Propaganda Campaign in Sweden, 2018-2019*, <https://www.ui.se/globalassets/ui.se-eng/publications/ui-publications/2019/ui-brief-no.-4-2019.pdf> (Länkar till en externa sida.)
- Johnston, Alastair Iain. (2016). "Is Chinese Nationalism Rising? Evidence from Beijing," *International Security* 41:3, 7-43.
- Weiss, Jessica Chen. (2019). "A World Safe for Autocracy?" *Foreign Affairs*, July/August, 92-102.
- Yan, Xuetong. (2021). "Becoming Strong: The New Chinese Foreign Policy." *Foreign Affairs*. July/August.

Final paper, 7 – 14 March (hand out: 9.00 – submission: 10.00)

Re-exam dates

Seminar paper 1, 20 – 27 March (handout: 9.00 – submission: 23.59)

Seminar paper 2, 2 – 9 April (handout: 9.00 – submission: 10.00)

Final paper, 10 – 17 April (handout: 9.00 – submission: 10.00)