

The United States and China in World Politics

Course Description:

This course explores the past, present, and future of U.S. relations with China. It focuses on the rise of China and the relationship of the United States to not only the timing of this rise but also to the form and direction of the ascent in the post-Cold War era. We are interested in what impact the rise of China will have on its own citizens, on its East Asian neighbors, and on Americans and the world. We will survey a number of topics, including the issues of *Realpolitik*, Taiwan and Tibet, the formation of a Greater China, military security and use of nuclear weapons, spying, NATO's bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Serbia, nuclear weapons policy, world trade and WTO membership. We will study Chinese and American versions of nationalism and internationalism, economic reform, democratic movements within China, international trade and the global economy, relations with Japan, Korea, Russia, Southeast Asia and the Third World (including the neoMaoist movements in Cambodia, Peru, and Nepal). We will pay attention to the United States and China in the era of the global human rights regime, particularly to how China's state leaders see key issues in human rights. And we will focus on the future of Chinese democracy and its relationship to the internal stability of China and the international security of the Asia-Pacific region.

Course Requirements:

There is a two part take home mid-term examination. A short term paper (7-10 pages) is required. You are expected to submit a two page outline of the paper, including a statement of your topic, and explanation of your methodology, and a short bibliography on the topic. The topic of your research paper must fall within the boundaries of one of the course themes, as listed below. Your term paper is due one June 30. *You are encouraged to seek editorial assistance from the Writing Center, and you must turn your research paper in on time.*

The mid-term exams will count for 50 per cent of your course grade. The term paper will count for another 50 per cent.

Students are required to practice honesty in all academic work. All written work for this course must include citation of sources consulted. On this point, see section 56c("Avoid Plagiarism") of the *Concise English Handbook* for guidance. The Brandeis Policy on academic honesty is contained in section five of the *Rights and Responsibilities Handbook*. Instance of alleged dishonesty will be forwarded to the Office of Campus Life for possible referral to the Student Judicial System.

There are four required (Req.) books (Fairbanks, Dower, Gilley, and Shirk). The others are recommended only.

- (1) Fairbank, The United States and China. Harvard U Press, 1979. (Req)
- (2) Nancy Bernkopf Tucker, ed., China Confidential. Columbia U Press, 2001. (Recommended).
- (3) John Dower, Embracing Defeat. Norton, 2000. (Req.)
- (4) Edward Friedman and Barrett L. McCormick, eds., What if China Doesn't Democratize? Implications for War and Peace. M.E. Sharpe, 2000. (Recommended)
- (5) Bruce Gilley, China's Democratic Future. Columbia, 2004. (Req)

- (6) Susan L Shirk, China, Fragile Superpower. Oxford U Press, 2007. (Req.)
(7) Gordon Chang, The Coming Collapse of China. Random House, 2001. (Recommended)

- I. The United States and China, Part I: American Images of China and the Shaping of American Foreign Policy—the Chinese as Ourselves
Film: *Power in the Pacific—The Place of China in American Conceptions of the Pacific Ocean as an “American Lake”*

Gerald Segal, “Does China Matter?” Foreign Affairs, September/October, 1999, pp. 24-36.
- II. The United States and China, Part II: American Images of the Chinese Revolution and the Shaping of American Foreign Policy—The Chinese as “Others” (The Soviets)

*Fairbank, The United States and China, Chapters 9-13, pp. 220-357.
Tucker, China Confidential, Chapter 1.
- III. The Great Betrayal: The Failed Occupation, the New American Emperor of Japan, and the Anger in Beijing—The Origins of the Sino-Soviet Alliance and the Cold War with Washington

*John Dower, Embracing Defeat, Introduction, Chapter 2, Chapters 6-8, Chapters 11- 16.

Fallows, Looking at the Sun, Chapter on MacArthur and the Occupation (recommended)

Film: *Camp 571 (Remembering The Japanese Genocide)*
- IV. Spilling Blood: The Internationalization of the Korean Civil War and the Short and Long Term Consequences for U.S.-China Relations—The Reality of the Cold War in East Asia

Tucker, China Confidential, Chapters 1 and 2.
*Fairbank, The United States and China, Chapter 17, pp. 450-457.
- V. Containing Maoism, U.S. Counterinsurgency in Asia, the CIA and KGB Defeat of Neutralist Forces in Indochina, and the Multiplication of Misunderstandings

Tucker, China Confidential, Chapter 3, on Chinese Activities in Indonesia and the Third World, and the Cultural Revolution Years, pp. 212-218.

Lin Piao, Long Live the Victory of People’s War (recommended)
- VI. The Maoist Disaster and the Embedded Crisis of Legitimacy in Beijing

Tucker, China Confidential, Chapter 7, The Crisis Years, including section on Tiananmen, pp. 337-389.

Film on *The Suppression of the June 4, 1989 Democracy Movement in Tiananmen*

Tucker, China Confidential, On Japan, pp. 490-492.

VII. The International Consequences of the Chinese Political System in the Post-Reform Era (1991-2001)

Friedman and McCormick, What If China Doesn't Democratize? Implications for War and Peace:

Chapter 1, Suisheng Zhao, "We Are Patriots First, Democrats Second: The Rise of Chinese Nationalism in the 1990s," pp. 21-43.

Chapter 2, Jianwei Wang, "Democratization and China's Nation Building," pp. 49-70.

Chapter 3, Minxin Pei, "China's Evolution Toward Soft Authoritarianism," pp. 74-95.

Tien and Cheng, eds., The Security Environment in the Asia-Pacific:

Chapter 6, Douglas H. Paal, "The Regional Security Implications of China's Economic Expansionism, Military Modernization, and the Rise of Nationalism," pp. 79-91.

Chapter 7, Byron S.J. Weng, "The Challenge of the Hong Kong Transition: Its Implications for Asian Security," pp. 92-108.

VIII. Japan as an Obstacle to China's Rise to Major Power Status in Asia

Whiting, China Eyes Japan, (recommended)

Friedman and McCormick, What If China Doesn't Democratize? Implications for War and Peace, Ch. 4, Edward Friedman, "Preventing War Between China and Japan," pp. 99-124.

Tien and Cheng, eds., The Security Environment in the Asia-Pacific, Chapters. 4-5, 14.

Chapter 4, Koji Murata, "Japan's Military Cooperation and Alliances in the Asia-Pacific Region," pp. 52-63.

Chapter 5, Akio Watanabe, "The PRC-Japan Relationship: Heading for a Collision?," pp. 64-77.

Chapter 14, Kang Choi and Taeho Kim, "Sino-ROK Relations and the Future of Asian Security: A Developing Continental Power Balance?," pp. 219-237.

IX. The Place of Tibet in U.S. Relations with China: From Hollywood to Reality

Orville Shell, Virtual Tibet: Searching for Shangri-La from the Himalayas to Hollywood.

(Reflections on America's Fantasy and Reverence for Tibet, from Brad Pitt, to Steven Seagal, to Richard Gere) (recommended)

Film: Brad Pitt, in *Seven Years in Tibet*

Tom Grunfeld, The Making of Modern Tibet (recommended)

Film: *U of California Film on the CIA in Tibet.*

X. The Promise and Dilemma of Globalization: China's Economic Rise, Political Crisis

Tien and Cheng, eds., The Security Environment in the Asia-Pacific,

Ch. 11, Dewi Fortuna Anwar, "The Role, Significance, and Prospects of APEC," pp. 173-188.

Johnston and Ross, Engaging China:

Chapter 1, Randall Schweller, "Managing the Rise of Great powers; History and Theory," pp. 1-36.
Chapter 9, Margaret M. Pearson, "The Major Multilateral Economic Institutions Engage China," pp. 207-229.

XI. China's Hidden Crisis: From Tibet, to Inner Mongolia, to Tiananmen, to the Greatest Human Rights Disaster of the Twentieth Century

*Gilley, China's Democratic Future, all.

Foot, Rights Beyond Borders:

"Introduction," pp. 1-26;

Chapter 2, "The Evolution of the Global Human Rights Regime," pp. 29-60; Chapter 3, "The Global Consequences of China's Economic Reforms," pp. 60-80; Chapter 5, "Tiananmen and Its Aftermath, June 1989-November 1991," pp. 113-149 ;

Chapter 6, "The Shift to Multilateral Venues," 1992-1995," pp. 150-189;

Chapter 8, "Betting on the Long Term, 1998-1999," pp. pp. 224-250.

Some Important Recent Developments:

"Chinese Raid Defiant Village, Killing Two, Amid Rural Unrest." New York Times, April 20, 2001.

Elizabeth Rosenthal, "China Detains and Isolates Liberal Computer Wiz." New York Times, April 21, 2001. (A3)

Joe McDonald, "China Steps Up Refugee Roundups: Ignores World Pleas for North Koreans," Boston Globe, March 26-2002, (A6)

XII. Taiwan and the Prospects for War

Tucker, China Confidential (all sections on Taiwan), Chapter 2, pp. 116-141; Chapters 3, pp. 170-177, 208-211. Chapter 4, pp. 219-280 (the Nixon Normalization); Chapter 5, 314-341 (Carter and the Taiwan Relations Act); Chapter 6, pp. 351-385, 414-428 (including Reagan Visit); Chapter 7, pp. 437-489 (Tiananmen and the Taiwan Strait Crisis of the 1990s)

Johnston and Ross, eds., Engaging China:

Chapter 3, Steven M. Goldstein, "Terms of Engagement: Taiwan's Mainland Policy," pp. 57-82.

Tien and Cheng, eds., The Security Environment in the Asia-Pacific:

Chapter 15, Michael Y.M. Kau, "The Challenge of Cross Strait Relations: The Strategic Implications of the Missile Crisis," pp. 241-256.

Assignment: Read the President George W. Bush, Jr. statement of April 25, 2001 on the United States' Commitment to Defend Taiwan, in any major newspaper in the United States and then find the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs reaction to the statement.

XIII. America and China in the Future

*Shirk, China, Fragile Superpower, all.

Chang, The Coming Collapse of China, Chapters 1-2, 4-5, 7-10, and 12, paying special attention to Chapter 12, "Roads to Ruin: How the State Will Fall" pp. 256-282.

Johnston and Ross, eds., Engaging China, Chapter 8, Robert S. Ross, "Engagement in U.S. China Policy, pp. 176-202. (Compare the logic of Ross with the logic presented by Chang, above.)

Tien and Cheng, eds., The Security Environment in the Asia-Pacific, Chapters. 1-3, 17.

Chapter 3, Ralph A. Cossa, "The U.S. Asia-Pacific Security Strategy for the Twenty First Century," pp. 36-50.

Chapter 17, Richard L. Grant, "China and Confidence Building in East Asia," pp. 306-313.

Friedman and McCormick, What If China Doesn't Democratize? Implications for War and Peace:

Chapter 8, Edward Friedman, "Immanuel Kant's Relevance to an Enduring Asia-Pacific Peace," pp. 224-253.

Chapter 9, Harvey Nelsen, "Caution: Rough Road Ahead," pp. 259-281.

Chapter 10, Su Shaozhi and Michael J. Sullivan, "Aggressive Engagement, Not Containment: Political Repression's Role in Sino-American Relations," pp. 282-302.

Chapter 11, Barrett L. McCormick, "U.S.-PRC Relations and the Democratic Peace," pp. 303-326.

If you are a student with a documented disability on record at Brandeis University and wish to have a reasonable accommodation made for you in this course, please see Professor Thaxton after class.