China in the 21st Century: Problems and Prospects

Description

China is among the most important state actors on the global stage today. What should an informed American know about China and the Communist Party that governs it? To survive, the current Chinese regime will need to successfully negotiate four challenging issues in the coming decades: reactions to China's 'rise' as a non-democratic country in a US-led international order; balancing economic growth and expectations of an increasingly wealthy population; energy use and climate change; and human rights issues, especially in relation to Hong Kong, Xinjiang and Taiwan.

Confronting these high stakes issues, learn how to assess China’s 21st century prospects, the likelihood of turbulence ahead, and the impact of China’s ultimate fate on the United States and the larger world.

About the Instructor

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