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POL 302Y
State and Society in 20th Century China

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Course Content and Format

This course will examine China's efforts to reconstitute its political institutions following the collapse of the imperial system in 1911. Particular attention will be paid to the clash between competing conceptions of political development and the rival political movements and forces that espoused them. The search for an effective and stable political order in the face of external pressures and internal fragmentation will receive extended discussion. The failed effort to create legitimate and popularly grounded political institutions will be a major focus of the course. A secondary focus will explore the impact of rapid economic, social and cultural change on the political system. The course will be organized in a lecture format, though class discussion will be encouraged.

Grades will be based on *two term-tests @ 25% each and two papers @25% each.*

Books: for purchase at UT Book Room

Lucien Bianco, The Origins of the Chinese Revolution.
Liang Heng and Judith Shapiro, Son of the Revolution.

All additional weekly readings will be posted on Blackboard under *Course Materials*.

Topics and Readings:

May 7 The Rise of China: Historical Perspectives and Course Overview

1. Martin Jacques, When China Rules the World, Chapter 3 ("China's Ignominy")

May 8 China's Traditional Order and the Problem of Change

1. Lieberthal, Governing China, Chapter 1, pp.3-19.
2. Video: *Pacific Century* Part I.

May 9 Revolution and Reform

1. Bianco, Origins of the Chinese Revolution, pp. 1-26.
2. Maurice Meisner, Mao's China and After, 3-51.
2. Lieberthal, Governing China, pp.19-26

May 10 Alternative Visions: The Republic and the May 4th Movement

1. Lieberthal, Governing China, pp. 27-31.
2. Bianco, Origins of the Chinese Revolution, pp.27-52.
3. Chen Duxiu, "Call to Youth."*
4. Video ("China in Revolution")

May 14 The CCP and the KMT (GMD): 1921-1937

1. Bianco, Origins of the Chinese Revolution, Chap. 3 & Chap. 5.
2. Kenneth Lieberthal, Governing China, 31-39
3. Mao Zedong, "Analysis of Classes in Chinese Society" (1926)

May 15 The CCP: From Yanan to 'Liberation': A Peasant Revolution?

1. Bianco, Origins of the Chinese Revolution, 82-108; 140-208.
2. Video ("China in Revolution: II)

May 16 The CCP in Power: The Early Years

1. Kenneth Lieberthal, Governing China, 60-77; 86-99.
2. Maurice Meisner, Mao's China and After, Chapter 5-6.
3. Mao Zedong, "On People's Democratic Dictatorship." (1949)
4. Video ("The Mao Years:I)

May 17 The First Five Year Plan and the 'Great Leap'

1. Maurice Meisner, Mao's China and After, Chapter 9, 12,13..
2. Mao, "Ten Great Relationships." (1956)

May 21 No Class: Victoria Day

May 22 Term Test # 1

May 23 The Cultural Revolution and the End of the Mao Era

1. Maurice Meisner, Mao's China and After, Chapters 17-19.
2. Lieberthal, Governing China, pp. 112-122.

May 24 **The Deng Era Takes Shape: Economic Reform and Market Socialism**

1. Maurice Meisner, Mao's China, Chapter 24
2. Video ('Born Under the Red Flag'-I)

May 28 **Political Reform and Democratization in the Deng Era**

1. Maurice Meisner, Mao's China and After, Chapter 25.

May 29 **Political Leadership in Flux**

1. .Cheng Li, "The Battle for China's Top Nine Leadership Posts" (2012)
2. Susan Shirk, The Political Logic of Economic Reform, Chapter 4 ("Leadership Incentives")
3. Richard Daniel Ewing, "Hu Jintao: The Making of a Chinese General Secretary," The China Quarterly, March 2003.
4. Evan Osnos, "Born Red" (Xi Jinping bio)

May 30 **Central-Local Relations in Flux**

1. Philip Kuhn, "Can China Be Governed from Beijing?" (1998)*
2. Huang Yasheng, "Political Institutions and Fiscal Reforms in China," Problems of Post-Communism, Jan/Feb., 2001.
3. Dru C. Gladney, Dislocating China, Chapter 2.

May 31 **Ideology and Value Change in Contemporary China**

1. Daniel Bell, "From Marx to Confucius: Changing Discourses on China's Political Future," Dissent, 2007.
2. Anne Marie Brady, Marketing Dictatorship, Chapter 1.
3. Tianjian Shi, "China: Democratic Values supporting an Authoritarian System," in Chu, et. al. How East Asians View Democracy, 2008.
4. Rebecca MacKinnon, "Networked Authoritarianism" Journal of Democracy (2011)

June 4 **State and Society in Flux**

1. Kenneth Lieberthal, Governing China, pp. 199-205; 289-314.
2. Ian Johnson, "The Death and Life of China's Civil Society," 2003.
3. Gilboy and Read, "Political and Social Reform in China," 2008
4. Video ("China in the Red")

June 5 **Towards a 'Rule of Law?'**

1. Randall Peerenboom, China's Long March to the Rule of Law, Ch. 1-2.
2. Yongshun Cai, "Civil Resistance and the Rule of Law in China," in Perry and Goldman, Grassroots Political Reform in Contemporary China, Ch. 8.

June 6 **Experiments in Grassroots Democracy: Critical Perspectives**

1. Tianjian Shi, "Village Committee Elections in China: Institutional Tactics for Democracy," World Politics, 1999.
2. Lianjiang Li, "The Empowering Effect of Village Elections in China," Asian Survey, 2003.

June 7 **China's Social Welfare Policies**

1. TBA

June 11 **China Challenges the World**

1. Ian Johnson, "Will China Become Supreme?"
2. TBA

June 12 **The China Model Reassessed**

June 13 **China's Future Prospects**

June 14 **Term Test**