

POSC 370 H
Chinese Foreign Policy
Autumn 2015

The rise of China as a world power is evident in the country's more forward and robust foreign policy. At every turn, the United States must consider China wherever American interests are at stake, be it Korea and Northeast Asia, Indochina and Southeast Asia, India/Pakistan and South Asia, or Afghanistan, Iraq, and Iran in the Middle East. This course describes the key factors that make up Chinese foreign policy, including its cultural tradition of dealing with foreigners, its policy-making institutions, the role of the Chinese military, domestic determinants of foreign policy, and China's growing involvement in international regimes and issues. The course will examine China's foreign policy strategies, from an aggressive posture to charming its neighbors to its periodic return to a perceived aggressive stance. We will also examine China's foreign policy toward specific countries, including Korea, Japan, and the United States. Further, we will examine China's role in the global economy, including issues involving international trade, currency manipulation, global warming, and China's role in the growing global competition for energy resources. Throughout the course we will pay attention to how China's foreign policy relates to international relations theories and what strategies the United States might use to manage China's growing role in international affairs.

Books for Purchase:

Robert G. Sutter: *Foreign Relations of the PRC: The Legacies and Constraints of China's International Politics Since 1949.*

Rowman & Littlefield, 2013. ISBN: 978-1-4422-2016-4

Robert G Sutter: *Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy Since the Cold War,* Rowman & Littlefield, 2008. ISBN 978-0-7425-5537

Guoli Liu, ed.: *Chinese Foreign Policy in Transition,* AldineTransaction, 2007. ISBN 978-0-202-30753-4.

Materials listed with an * are available on Blackboard.

Note: There is repetition in the readings, especially the two books by Robert Sutter. Despite this, the readings come at the subject from different angles.

Course Requirements

Your grade will be determined by the following:

1. **Attendance and participation – 25 percent of the grade.** I take attendance and note participation.
2. **An in-class midterm – 20 percent of the grade.** Format is either multiple choice, true/false, short answer or a combination of these.
3. **An in-class final – 35 percent of the grade.** Same format as midterm. *The final covers the entire course.*
4. **An 8-10 page paper – 20 percent of the grade.** Write an 8-10 page paper, New Times Roman 12-point font. A proper bibliography and citations must be included. You may use any style (e.g. MLA) though I prefer Chicago (using footnotes). The paper is on an aspect of Chinese foreign policy. Students will select a topic by draw. Paper due date is December 4 via e-mail to pes15@case.edu. **There is a 5% deduction of grade *per day* for late papers.**

Electronics

I do not permit the use of electronic devices in class. This includes computers, laptops, tablets, and cell phones. These are wonderful devices but they moderate our ability to learn how to listen.

A note on success.

If you come to class but do not do the readings, your likely grade will be 50%. If you do the readings but do not come to class, your likely grade will be 50%. Exam questions come from the readings *and* class lectures/discussions. So, if you do the readings *and* come to class, your likely grade will be much higher.

Participate. Students often do not participate for fear of making a mistake. *Do not be afraid of making a mistake* because the one who never makes a mistake never makes anything.

Tentative Schedule (subject to change)

August 25 Course Introduction

Reading: ***Eric Weiner:** “Paper Notebooks As Relevant as Ever” on *National Public Radio*, May 27, 2015.
 ***Neil Postman:** *Amusing Ourselves to Death*, Introduction by Andrew Postman, 2005.

August 27 Overview of Chinese Foreign Policy

Reading: ***Chen Jian:** *Mao’s China and the Cold War*, Epilogue.
 ***Thomas Kane:** “China’s Foundations: Guiding Principles of Chinese Foreign Policies” in Guoli Liu: *Chinese Foreign Policy in Transition*, Chapter 4.
 ***David Shambaugh:** “China’s Soft-Power Push” in *Foreign Affairs*, July/August 2015.

September 1 Dealing With Foreigners: Tribute & Canton

Reading: ***Immanuel C. Y Hsu:** *The Rise of Modern China*, Oxford University Press, 6th Edition, 2000, Pages 130-134 and Chapter 7.

September 3 Dealing With Foreigners: Unequal Treaties & the Fight for Sovereignty

Reading ***Dong Wang:** *China's Unequal Treaties: Narrating National History* Lanham: Lexington Books, 2005, Introduction and Conclusion.

September 8 China & International Relations Theory

Reading: ***Alexander Wendt:** “Anarchy is What States Make of It” in Robert Art & Robert Jervis, *International Politics*, 9th Edition, Longman77, 2010.
 ***Michael Ng-Quinn:** “The Analytic Study of Chinese Foreign Policy” Chapter 1 in Guoli Liu: *Chinese Foreign Policy in Transition*, Aldine Transaction, 2007.
 ***Ashley Tellis:** “US-China Relations in a Realist World” in David Shambaugh: *Tangled Titans*, 2013, Chapter 4.

September 10 Chinese Identity

Reading: ***Yan Xuetong:** *Ancient Chinese Thought, Modern Chinese Power, 2011*, Chap 1.
 ***Gilbert Rozman:** “China’s Quest for Great Power Identity” Chapter 5 in Guoli Liu: *Chinese Foreign Policy in Transition*, Aldine Transaction, 2007.
 ***Andrew Nathan & Andrew Scobell:** “What Drives Chinese Foreign Policy” in *China’s Search for Security*, Chapter 1.
 Robert Sutter: *Foreign Relations of the PRC*. Chapter 1

September 15 Chinese Nationalism

Reading ***Andrew J. Nathan & Robert S. Ross:** *The Great Wall and the Empty Fortress*, Norton, 1997, Chapters 1-2.
 ***Peter Gries:** *China’s New Nationalism*, University of Berkeley Press, 2004, Introduction and Chapters 1-2.

September 17 Institutional Determinants of China’s Foreign Policy

Reading: ***David M. Lampton, ed.:** *The Making of Chinese Foreign and Security Policy in the Era of Reform*, Chapter 2
 Robert G. Sutter: *Foreign Relation of the PRC*, Chapter 5
 Robert G. Sutter: *Chinese Foreign Relations*, Chapters 3.

September 22 Military Determinant of China’s Foreign Policy

Reading: ***Richard D. Fisher, Jr.:** *China’s Military Modernization*, 2010. Chapters 1.
 ***Andrew Nathan & Andrew Scobell:** “Military Modernization: From People’s War to Power Projection” in *China’s Search for Security*, Chapter 11.
 ***Annual Report to Congress: Military & Security Developments Involving the People’s Republic of China 2014**, Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 5.

September 24 Security As a Determinant of China’s Foreign Policy

Reading: ***Richard D. Fisher, Jr.:** *China’s Military Modernization*, Chapter 3.
 Robert G. Sutter: *Chinese Foreign Relations*, Chapter 5.
 ***Bates Gill:** *Rising Star: China’s New Security Diplomacy*, Chs 1-2

September 29 Power as a Determinant of China's Foreign Policy

Reading: ***David M. Lampton:** *The Three Faces of Chinese Power: Might, Money and Minds*, University of California Press, 2008, Introduction and Chapter 1.

October 1 Domestic Determinants of China's Foreign Policy

Reading: **Robert Sutter:** *Chinese Foreign Relations*, Chapter 2.
***Yufan Hao:** "Domestic Chinese Influence on U.S.-China Relations" in David Shamgaugh: *Tangled Titans*, Chapter 6.

October 6 Same Bed Different Dreams

Reading: ***David M. Lampton:** *Same Bed Different Dreams*, University of California Press, 2001, Chapter 7.

October 8 Coercive Diplomacy

Reading: ***Alexander George:** *Forceful Persuasion: Coercive Diplomacy as an Alternative to War*, United States Institute of Peace Press, 1991, Part One.

October 13 Deterrence

Reading: ***Robert Ross:** *Chinese Security Policy: Structure, Power and Politics*, Chapters 5 & 6.

October 15 MIDTERM EXAM

October 20 Fall Break

October 22 China's Cold War Interests

Reading: **Robert Sutter:** *Foreign Relations of the PRC*, Chapters 2-3.

October 27 China's Road to Korea

Reading: ***Allen Whiting:** *China Crosses the Yalu*, Chapters 6, 7. & 8.

October 29 Sino-Soviet Relations

Readings * **Chen Jian:** *Mao's China and the Cold War*, Chapter 3
 * **William Joseph, ed.:** *Politics in China*, 2010 Chapter 5
 * **Les Gelb:** "A New Anti-American Axis" in *The New York Times*, July 6, 2013.

November 3 Sino-American Rapprochement

Reading: **Chen Jian:** *Mao's China and the Cold War*, Chapter 9
 Robert G. Sutter: *U.S.-Chinese Relations*, Chapter 4.
 Robert Sutter: *Foreign Relations of the PRC*, Chapter 3

November 5 Chinese Post-Cold War Interests

Reading: ***Chen Jian:** *Mao's China and the Cold War*, Epilogue
 Robert Sutter: *Foreign Relations of the PRC*, Chapter 4
 Quansheng Zhao: "Chinese Foreign Policy in the Post-Cold War Era" in Guoli Liu" *Chinese Foreign Policy in Transition*, Chapter 14.
 ***Joshua Kurlantzick:** *Charm Offensive*, Yale University Press, 2006, Chapters 1-3.
 ***Joshua Kurlantzick:** "A Beijing Backlash" in *Newsweek*, October 4, 2010.

November 10 Trade & Mercantilism

Reading:

Charles Freeman: “The Commercial and Economic Relationship” in David Shambaugh: *Tangled Titans*, Chapter 8.

Robert G. Sutter: *Chinese Foreign Relations*, Chapter 4.

November 12 & 17 Koreas & Japan

Reading:

Andrew Nathan & Andrew Scobell: “The Northeast Asia Regional System: Japan and the Two Koreas” in *China’s Search for Security*, Chapter 5.

***Scott Snyder:** “The Korea Peninsula and Northeast Asian Stability” in Shambaugh & Yahuda: *International Relations of Asiam* Chapter 12.

***Martin Fackler:** "Japan Announces Defense Policy to Counter China" in *The New York Times*, December 16, 2010.

***Martin Fackler:** "Japan to Propose Closer Military Ties With South Korea" in *The New York Times*, January 4, 2011.

Robert G. Sutter: *Chinese Foreign Relations*, Chapter 8

November 19 China as a Regional Power

Reading:

***Edward Wong:** "China Navy Reaches Far, Unsettling the Region" in *The New York Times*, June 4, 2011.

Patrick Barta & Chris Larano: "Aquino Warns on South China Sea" in *The Wall Street Journal*, July 26, 2011.

***Phillip L. Saunders:** "China's Role in Asia" in Shambaugh & Yahuda, *International Relations of Asia*, Chapter 6.

***Sheldon W. Simon:** “ASEAN and the New Regional Multilateralism: The Long and Bumpy Road to Community” in Shambaugh & Yahuda: *International Relations of Asia*, Chapter 6,

Robert G. Sutter: *Chinese Foreign Relations*, Chapter 9.

Robert Sutter: *Foreign Relations of the PRC*, Chapter 8, pp. 215-243.

November 24 Taiwan & the Rest

Reading: ***Andrew Nathan & Andrew Scobell:** *China's Search for Security*, Chapters 8 & 9.
 ***Robert Ross:** *Chinese Security Policy*, 2009. Chapter 7.
 Robert Sutter: *Chinese Foreign Relations*, Chapter 7
 Robert Sutter: *U.S.-Chinese Relations*, Chapter 10

November 26 & 27 No Class

December 1 Sino-U.S. Relations & the American Pivot

Reading:
 ***Kenneth Lieberthal & Wang Jisi:** *Addressing U.S. - China Strategic Distrust*, Brookings Institution, 2012.
 ***Andrew Nathan:** "How China Sees America" in *Foreign Affairs*, September/October 2012.
 ***Kevin Rudd:** "Beyond the Pivot" in *Foreign Affairs*, March/April 2013.
 G. John Ikenberry: "The Rise of China, the United States, and the Future of the Liberal International Order in David Shambaugh: *Tangled Titans*, Chapter 3.
 Robert G. Sutter: *Chinese Foreign Relations*, Chapter 6.

December 3 Characterizing China's Foreign Policy & Final Exam Review

December 4 Research Paper Due via pes15@case.edu

December 10 Final Exam, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.