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:


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, you're 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


August 27  Overview of Chinese Foreign Policy

Reading:  *Chen Jian: Mao’s China and the Cold War, Epilogue.
          *David Shambaugh: “China’s Soft-Power Push” in Foreign Affairs, July/August 2015.

September 1  Dealing With Foreigners: Tribute & Canton


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


September 8  China & International Relations Theory

          *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.
*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


September 17    Institutional Determinants of China’s Foreign Policy

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

*Andrew Nathan & Andrew Scobell: “Military Modernization: From People’s Wat 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.
September 29  Power as a Determinant of China’s Foreign Policy


October 1  Domestic Determinants of China’s Foreign Policy

Reading:  Robert Sutter: Chinese Foreign Relations, Chapter 2.

October 6  Same Bed Different Dreams


October 8  Coercive Diplomacy


October 13 Deterrence


October 15 MIDTERM EXAM

October 20 Fall Break
October 22   China's Cold War Interests


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  

November 3  Sino-American Rapprochement

*Reading:*  
*Chen Jian:* *Mao’s China and the Cold War*, Chapter 9  
*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.  
November 10  Trade & Mercantilism

Reading:

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

November 12 & 17  Koreas & Japan

Robert G. Sutter: Chinese Foreign Relations, Chapter 8

November 19  China as a Regional Power

*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,
November 24    Taiwan & the Rest

Reading:  *Andrew Nathan & Andrew Scobell: China’s Search for Security, Chapters 8 & 9.
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:
*Kevin Rudd: "Beyond the Pivot" in Foreign Affairs, March/April 2013.

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.