POSC 370 H
Chinese Foreign Policy
Autumn 2011

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 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 ever-changing foreign policy strategies, from an aggressive posture to charming its neighbors to its periodic return to a perceived aggressive stance. The course will also examine China’s role in the global economy, including issues involving international trade, currency manipulation, global warming, and China’s role in Africa and elsewhere 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.

Materials

Books for Purchase:


Additional materials are listed with an * and are available on Blackboard.
**Responsibilities**

Students are responsible for:

1. **Attending each class and participating in class discussions.** This means coming to class prepared, i.e. having done the reading for the day. Attendance and participation count for 20% of your grade,

2. **Two short papers** analyzing an aspect of Chinese foreign policy or international relationship. Each paper should be no longer than five (5) pages each. **Paper One is due October 21** by noon via e-mail pes15@case.edu. **Paper Two is due December 2** by noon via e-mail pes15@case.edu. Each paper requires a written proposal of no longer than one (1) page. Each paper is worth 15% of the grade for a total of 30%.

3. **A take-home midterm exam** distributed October 14 and due by noon October 21. The exam will offer four or five questions. Students will write on two of their choice in no longer than eight pages total, double spaced, 12-point font total. The midterm exam counts for 20% of the grade.

A **take-home final exam** distributed December 9. Students will write on two questions of their choice. The final exam paper should be six (6) to eight (8) pages, double spaced, 12-point font total. Proper citations are required, either in the body of the text, footnotes (I prefer footnotes) or endnotes. **The final exam is due noon on December 16** via e-mail at pes15@case.edu. The final exam is worth 30% of the grade.

Students taking 470H at the graduate level will write a 20-25 page paper on a foreign policy topic germane to China. This will be done in consultation with the professor. The paper should explore a specific topic in relation to the literature on international relations theory and explore the wider literature on Chinese foreign policy.

Note: Some class lectures will use PowerPoint slides. These are not available to students who miss class.
Tentative Schedule

August 29, 31 & September 2   Chinese Identity

Lecture 2 Identity

Reading Lecture 2

*Joshua Kurlantzick: Charm Offensive, Yale University Press, 2006, Chapters 1-3.
Robert G. Sutter: Chinese Foreign Relations, Chapter 1.

Lecture 3 Theory

Reading Lecture 3


September 7   Tribute & Canton

Lecture 4 Tribute and Canton

Reading Lecture 4

September 9 & 12  Nationalism on the Sleeve

Lecture 5  Unequal Treaties & the Fight for Sovereignty

Reading Lecture 5

* Dong Wang: *China's Unequal Treaties: Narrating National History*  

Lecture 6 Nationalism

Reading Lecture 6


September 14 & 16  Determinants of Chinese Foreign Policy

Lecture 7  Institutional

Reading Lecture 7


Lecture 8  Other Actors: Military & Provinces

Reading Lecture 8


September 19 & 21  Security

Lecture 9 Power

Reading Lecture 9


Lecture 10  National Security Policy

Readings Lecture 10

Robert G. Sutter: Chinese Foreign Relations, Chapter 5.


September 23, 26 & 28

Lecture 11  Domestic Determinants

Reading Lecture 11

William C. Kirby: “Traditions of Centrality, Authority and Management in Modern China’s Foreign Relations” in Robinson & Shambaugh

Lecture 12  Same Bed Different Dreams

Reading Lecture 12


Lecture 13 Domestic Issues & International Negotiating

Reading Lecture 13

September 30 & October 3 Deterrence & Coercion

Lecture 14 Coercive Diplomacy

Reading Lecture 14


Lecture 15 Deterrence

Reading Lecture 15


October 5 Overview: China's Cold War Interests

Lecture 16 -- no reading assignments

October 7 Korea

Lecture 17 China's Road to Korea

Reading for Lecture 17


October 10 Sino-Soviet Split

Lecture 18 Sino-Soviet Relations

Reading for Lecture 18

Steven M. Goldstein: “Nationalism and Internationalism: Sino-Soviet Relations” in Robinson & Shambaugh: Chinese Foreign Policy.

October 12 & 14  American Rapprochement

Lectures 19 & 29 Sino-American Rapprochement

Reading for Lecture 19 & 20


October 14  Midterm Distribution

October 21  Midterm Due by noon.

October 17  Overview: Chinese Post Cold War Interests

Lecture 21 -- Post cold War Interests
No reading assignments

October 19  Security

Lecture 22  Current Security Issues

Reading for Lecture 22


October 21  NO CLASS

October 24  FALL BREAK
October 26 & 28  Trade, Mercantilism & Finance

Lecture 23  Trade & Mercantilism

Reading for Lecture 23

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

Lecture 24  Currency & Finance

Reading for Lecture 24


October 31  Africa

Lecture 25  China in Africa

Reading for Lecture 25

*Harry Broadman: "China and India Go to Africa" in Foreign Affairs, March/April, 2008.
*Robert L. Rotberg, ed.: China Into Africa, Brookings. 2008, Chapters 1, 6, 7 and 12
**Deborah Brautign:** *The Dragon’s Gift*, Oxford University Press, 2009, Prologue & Chapter 1.

### November 2 & 4  Korea, Japan & Northeast Asia

#### Lecture 26  Japan & Korea

Reading for Lectures 26

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

#### Lecture 27  Korea & Northeast Asia

Reading for Lecture 27

* **Scott Snyder:** “The Korea Peninsula and Northeast Asian Stability” in Shambaugh & Yahuda.

### November 7 & 9  Southeast Asia, ASEAN & the South China Sea

#### Lecture 28  China's Role in Asia

Reading for Lecture 28

* **Phillip L. Saunders:** "China's Role in Asia" in Shambaugh & Yahuda.
**Robert G. Sutter: Chinese Foreign Relations, Chapter 9.**

**Lecture 29 China & Vietnam**

Reading for Lecture 29


**November 11 South & Central Asia**

**Lecture 30 China & South/Central Asia**

Reading for Lecture 30

**Robert G. Sutter: Chinese Foreign Relations, Chapter 10**  
November 14  Russia & Europe

Lecture 31  China in Europe, Europe in Asia

Reading for Lecture 31

Robert G. Sutter: Chinese Foreign Relations, Chapter 11
*Sebastian Bersick: “Europe in Asia” in Shambaugh & Yahuda.

November 16 & 18  Taiwan, Tibet & Xinjiang

Lecture 32  Taiwan

Reading for Lecture 32

Robert G. Sutter: Chinese Foreign Relations, Chapter 7

Lecture 33  Tibet, Xinjiang & Mongolia

Reading for Lecture 33


November 23 & 25  NO CLASS

November 21, 28, 30 & December 2  Sino-U.S. Relations

Lecture 34  Sino-U.S. Relations

Reading for Lectures 34,

Lecture 35  Sino-U.S. Relations -- Taiwan

Reading for Lecture 35:

 Robert G. Sutter: *U.S.-Chinese Relations*, Chapter 10

Lecture 36  Sino-U.S. Relations -- Trade & Economics

Reading for Lecture 36

 Robert G. Sutter: *U.S.-Chinese Relations*, Chapter 9

Lecture 37  Sino-U.S. Relations -- Outlook

Reading for Lecture 37

December 5 & 7 Chinese Behavior in Foreign Policy

Lecture 38 Theory and China's Place in the World

Reading for Lecture 38

Thomas Robinson & David Shambaugh, eds: Chinese Foreign Policy, Chapters 14, 16 & 19.

Lecture 39 Chinese Behavior in Foreign Policy

Reading for Lecture 39

*Peter Gries: China’s New Nationalism, University of Berkeley Press, 2004, Chapter 8

December 9 Final Comments, Final Exam Review & Distribution

December 16 Final Exam Due by noon.