**Institution and Reform in Contemporary China**

GPGC5001

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**Goal**

This course will utilize contemporary theoretical perspectives and historical material to analyze the creation and evolution of Chinese economic, social and political institutions. It surveys and evaluates recent literature and compares the case of China with other countries in the world. The topics considered will include housing, community, association, migration, policing, bureaucracy, policy-making, and healthcare.

**Reading**

* Nassim Nicholas Taleb, The Black Swan: The Impact of the Highly Improbable (Random House2007) or 纳西姆•尼古拉斯•塔勒布《黑天鹅：如何应对不可知的未来》（中信出版社，2008年）。
* A package of readings is available for download before January 29, 2015 from [www.cuhk.edu.hk/gpa/wang\_files](http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/gpa/wang_files).
* For a long list of books on China, please download it from the following site: <http://www.princeton.edu/~lynn/chinabib.pdf>.

**Requirements**

1. As relatively few articles are assigned each week, you are expected to read the articles carefully before coming to class. In addition, you are expected to search and read relevant articles in Chinese.
2. As a successful course requires informed discussion, every participant of the course is expected to actively contribute to the scholarly exchange throughout the semester.
3. You are required to lead-off class discussion once. Rather than summarizing the assigned readings, as the discussion leader, you should tease out questions that appear worthy of attention and make effort to show the relevance of the readings to broader issues under consideration. The discussion leader is required to prepare a one page discussion précis and distribute it to other course participants.
4. You are required to write an original research paper of about 20-25 pages (including references and in-text tables and figures, but not appendices). This should be an empirical analysis of a topic relevant to the general theme of this course.
5. You are required to make presentation of your draft paper in the week 12 or 13.
6. The final paper is due on May 4, 2015. Late paper will be penalized one letter grade per day.

**Evaluation**

1. Participation: 10% (on your evident grasp of the readings as indicated by your questions and informed participation in classroom discussion)
2. Discussion Précis: 10% (quality and relevance of your discussion questions)
3. Presentation of draft paper: 10%
4. Research Paper: 70% (quality of paper)
5. **Overview &　Logistics of Course**

* Nassim Nicholas Taleb, The Black Swan: The Impact of the Highly Improbable

1. **Institutions and Institutional Changes** 
   * Sven Steinmo, “Institutionalism”
   * Peter Evans, “Development as Institutional Change: The Pitfalls of Monocropping and the Potentials of Deliberation”
   * Adam Przeworski, “Institutions Matter?”
2. **China’s Socioeconomic Transformation** 
   * Thomas G. Rawski, “Can China Sustain Rapid Growth despite Flawed Institutions?”
   * Martin King Whyte, “Paradoxes of China’s Economic Boom”
   * Barry Naughton, “China: Economic Transformation Before and After 1989”
   * Gary H. Jefferson, “How Has China’s Economic Emergence Contributed to the Field of Economics?”
3. **Housing** 
   * Xing Quan Zhang, “Chinese housing policy 1949-1978: the development of a welfare system”
   * Lee, James and Zhu, Ya-peng, “Urban governance, neoliberalism and housing reform in China”
   * Si-ming Li, “Housing inequalities under market deepening: the case of Guangzhou, China”
   * Mark Stephens, “Locating Chinese Housing Policy in an International Comparative Context”
4. **Community [Research Proposal Due]**
   * Fulong Wu, “China’s Changing Urban Governance in the Transition Towards a More Market-oriented Economy”
   * Thomas Heberer, “Evolvement of Citizenship in Urban China or Authoritarian Communitarianism? Neighborhood development, community participation, and autonomy”
   * Ray Forrest and Yip, Ngai-Ming, “Neighborhood and Neighboring in Contemporary Guangzhou”
   * Ben Hillman, “The Rise of the Community in Rural China: Village Politics, Cultural Identity and Religious Revival in a Hui Hamlet”
5. **Association**
   * Linda Wong and Na Li, “Changing Welfare Institution and Evolution of Chinese Nonprofi t Organizations: The Story of Elder Care Homes in Urban Shanghai”
   * Andreas Fulda , Yanyan Li & Qinghua Song, “New Strategies of Civil Society in China: a case study of the network governance approach”
   * Tian Luo, “Grassroots Mobilization of Internet NGOs in China: The Cases of [www.1kg.org](http://www.1kg.org) and [www.geshanghua.org](http://www.geshanghua.org)”
   * Chris King-chi Chan, “Community-based organizations for migrant workers’ rights: the emergence of labor NGOs in China”
6. **Migration** 
   * Jianfa Shen, “Increasing internal migration in China from 1985 to 2005: Institutional versus economic drivers”
   * Kam Wing Chan and Will Buckingham, “Is China Abolishing the Hukou System?”
   * Tony Saich and Biliang Hu, “Developing Social Citizenship? A Case Study of Education and Health Services in Yantian Village, Guangdong”
   * Dewen Wang, “Rural-urban migration and policy responses in China: challenges and options”
7. **Policing** 
   * Xiaoming Chen, “Social and Legal Control in China: A Comparative Perspective”
   * James A. Wall, Jr. and Michael Blum, “Community Mediation in the People's Republic of China”
   * Kam C. Wong, “Community Policing in Comparative context: P.R.C. vs. U.S.A.”
   * Xiaohai Wang and Dennis Sing-wing Wong, “Police Social Service Work in China : Community Policing with Chinese Characteristics”
8. **Bureaucracy**
   * John P. Burns, “Civil Service Reform in China”
   * Yukyung Yeo, “Remaking the Chinese State and the Nature of Economic Governance? The early appraisal of the 2008 'super-ministry' reform”
   * Kuotsai Tom Liou, “E-Government Development and China's Administrative Reform”
   * Lan Xue and Kuotsai Tom Liou, “Government Reform in China : Concepts and Reform Cases”
9. **Policy-making**
   * Andrew Mertha, “Fragmented Authoritarianism 2.0”: Political Pluralization in the Chinese Policy Process”
   * Kong Bo, “China's Energy Decision-Making: becoming more like the United States?”
   * Sebastian Heilmann, “Policy Experimentation in China’s Economic Rise”
   * Zhu Xufeng, “Policy Change and Expert Involvement in China”
10. **Healthcare**
    * Karen Eggleston, Jian Wang and Keqin Rao, “From plan to market in the health sector?: China’s experience”
    * Gopal K. Singh and Jihong Liu, “Health Improvements Have Been More Rapid and Widespread in China than in India: A Comparative Analysis of Health and Socioeconomic Trends from 1960 to 2011”
    * Qun Meng, Ling Xu, Yaoguang Zhang, Juncheng Qian, Min Cai, Ying Xin, Jun Gao, Ke Xu, J Ties Boerma, Sarah L Barber, “Trends in access to health services and financial protection in China between 2003 and 2011: a cross-sectional study”
    * Winnie Chi-Man Yip, William C Hsiao, Wen Chen, Shanlian Hu, Jin Ma, Alan Maynard, “Early appraisal of China’s huge and complex health-care reforms”
11. **Presentation and Discussion of Draft Papers**
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**[Final Paper Due on May 4, 2015]**