

SOCI5631 CONTEMPORARY CHINESE SOCIETY
(Tentative Course Outline)

Venue: SB LT2

Time: Thu 18:30-21:30

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***ONLINE teaching will be adopted.**

Course Introduction

The course will discuss the impetus of institutional change in contemporary China (1949 -) and its impacts on social and political lives of Chinese people. Key social science concepts such as ideology, socialism, marketization, patron-clientelism, social control, civil society, industrialization, urbanization, class formation, social inequality, gender, family and special terms such as guanxi, danwei, hukou, floating population, three-represents, harmonious society, China's dream. etc. will be introduced.

Learning Outcomes

1. Students should be able to understand the social science perspective used in this course to comprehend the main aspects of social change in contemporary China. They should be familiar with the key concepts and theories adopted from sociology and other social science disciplines in the analysis.
2. Students are expected to grasp the basic knowledge about China's major institutions such as socialist market economy, party-state politics, stratification and family etc.
3. Besides general knowledge, students are encouraged to focus on a special topic through their writing assignment such as the dilemmas between economic development and social equality, democracy and developmental state, traditional culture and modernization etc.
4. Grades will be given according to the following descriptors:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Descriptors</u>
A	Outstanding performance on all learning outcomes.
A-	Generally outstanding performance on all (or almost all) learning outcomes.
B	Substantial performance on all learning outcomes, OR high performance on some learning outcomes which compensates for less satisfactory performance on others, resulting in overall substantial performance.
C	Satisfactory performance on the majority of learning outcomes, possibly with a few weaknesses.
D	Barely satisfactory performance on a number of learning outcomes.

F	Unsatisfactory performance on a number of learning outcomes, OR failure to meet specified assessment requirement.
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Course Requirements

Essay. 50% Students should write an essay (about 2500 words, excluding bibliography) based on a topic suggested by the lecturer. The lecture will suggest a list of topics for students to choose.

News Analysis. 50%. Students should write a short article (in Chinese or English) analyzing a current news about China (about 2500 words, excluding bibliography and appendix). Only a brief description of the news is needed, as newspaper clippings are required to be attached to the article. The article should aim at explaining the causes/implications of the incident/policy/social phenomenon reported in the news.

For both the essay and news analysis, students can choose to write in Chinese or English. They are expected to apply concepts or theories learned from this course and refer to relevant academic literature.

Deadline of submission: tbc

Please state clearly the programme name, course code, course name, teacher's name, student's full name in English and Chinese, student ID, and date on the first page of your assignment, and attach the signed receipt from VeriGuide with your assignment.

* Plagiarism is subject to penalties. Please pay attention to the guideline for academic honesty and citation by Sociology Department (www.cuhk.edu.hk/soc/citation.pdf) and the University (www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/)
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Class Schedule

*Essential reading

1/ A concise history of contemporary China

*盧暉臨 (2016) “從傳統中國到現代中國”，陳健民、鍾華編《艱難的轉型：現代化與中國社會》香港：中文大學出版社：1-31頁。

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Saich, Tony (2004) *Governance and Politics in China* (Chapter 3 and 4) NY: Palgrave MacMillan: 34-107.

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Tsou, Tang (1986) "Reflections on the Formation and Foundations of the Communist Party-State in China," *The Cultural Revolution and Post-Mao China Reforms*, Chicago: The University of Chicago Press: 259-267.

2/ Marxism, Maoism and ideology

*蘇紹智 (1992) 《馬克思主義新論》台北: 時報文化出版社, 33-78頁

* Aron, Raymond. (1968) "Karl Marx", *Main Currents in Sociological Thought I* Harmondsworth: Penguin

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Lovell, Julia (2019) "What is Maoism?" *Maoism: a global history*, London: Penguin Random House: 25-59.

Thompson, John B. (1990) "The Concept of Ideology", *Ideology and Modern Culture*, Stanford: Stanford University Press: 28-73.

3/ Ideological struggles and economic foundations

*詹晶、段海燕 (2016) <中國的經濟與政治體制> 陳健民、鍾華編《艱難的轉型: 現代化與中國社會》香港: 中文大學出版社: 31-76頁。

* 蕭功秦 (2003) "中國改革開放以來政治中的自由派與保守派 - 兩極衝突及其歷史後果" 《當代中國研究》 Issue 2, MCS

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Nathan, Andrew J. (1990) "A Factionalism Model for CCP Politics", *China's Crisis*, New York: Columbia University Press: 23-37.

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素描: 中國「新自由主義」與「新左派」的思想論戰

<https://thestandnews.com/china/中國-新自由主義-與-新左派-的思想論戰/>

丘琦欣: 什麼是中國「新左派」: 介於左派思想與民族主義之間?

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4/ Political economy of rural life

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陳桂棣、春桃 (2004) 《中國農民調查》北京: 人民文學出版社。

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*王飛凌 (2014) “戶籍制度的變遷及其引發的衝突與爭端” 載裴宜理和. 塞爾登 編 《中國. 社會: 變革、衝突與抗爭》香港: 中文大學出版社: 73至102頁。

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Davis, Deborah (2000) “Introduction: A Revolution in Consumption” *The Consumer Revolution in Urban China*, Berkeley: University of California Press.

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6/ Labor and class formation

* 陳敬慈, (2012). “勞工、資本與國家:馬克思主義視角下的中國勞資衝突.” 《臺灣社會學刊》. 第50期. 165 - 204.

* Pun, Ngai and Lu, Hui Lin (2010) Unfinished proletarianization: Self, anger and class action of the second generation of peasant-workers in reform China. *Modern China* 36(September): 493–519.

* Lee, Ching Kwan (2007) *Against the Law: Labor Protests in China's Rustbelt and Sunbelt*. Berkeley: University of California Press. Chapter 1

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大爱清尘宣传片

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7/ Environmental governance and resistance

* 景軍<中國農村有關環境問題的抗議> 裴宜理、塞爾登編 【中國社會: 變革、衝突與抗爭】(香港: 香港中文大學出版社, 2014) 231-254頁

* Johnson, Thomas (2010) Environmentalism and NIMBYism in China: promoting a rules-based approach to public participation, *Environmental Politics*, 19(3): 430-448.

*Ho, Peter. "Greening without conflict? Environmentalism, NGOs and civil society in China." *Development and Change* 32, no. 5 (2001): 893-921.

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Wu, Fengshi. "Environmental Activism in Provincial China" *Journal of Environmental Policy & Planning*. 2013, 15:1, 89-108.

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柴靜霧霾調查：穹頂之下

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pQijBcQNMIQ>

8/ Gender, marriage and family

*丁國輝，張歡華(2016) “第九章：中國近代家庭的變遷”，載陳健民及鍾華編《艱難的轉型：現代化與中國社會》香港：香港中文大學出版社，243至264頁。

* 臧小偉 (1999) “中國家庭研究的發展與近況” 載涂肇慶、林益民編《改革開放與中國社會》香港: 牛津出版社, 192-208頁。

* 費雪若 (2014) “當代中國的女性，婚姻及國家” 載裴宜理和 塞爾登編《中國. 社會：變革、衝突與抗爭》香港：香港中文大學出版社, 頁167至196頁。

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Fincher, Leta Hong (2014) *Leftover Women: The Resurgence of Gender Inequality in China*. Chicago: Chicago University Press. (chapter1). 或中文版: 陳瑄譯《中國剩女：性別歧視與財富分配不均的權力遊戲》新北市: 八旗文化, 2015, 第一章。

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9/ Civil Society and state-society relations

* 陳健民 (2016) “社會衝突與公民社會”，陳健民、鍾華編 《艱難的轉型：現代化與中國社會》 香港：香港中文大學出版社： 167-188 頁。

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* Kiely, Ray (2010) Dependency and World-Systems Perspectives on Development DOI: 10.1093/acrefore/9780190846626.013.142

*Ringen, Stein (2016) *The Perfect Dictatorship: China in the 21st Century*. NY: Columbia University Press, 2016 Ch. 1, 4, 5.

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潘毅：從世界人民革命的中心走向資本的中心 <https://www.inmediahk.net/node/1040260>

卢荻 | 中国与新自由主义（世界资本主义）——简评潘毅文章

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李民騏：新自由主义的危机与阶级斗争——与卢荻、潘毅、卢映西探
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11/ China and the world

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Apart from the above regular lectures, guest speakers will be invited to give talks to students; visits to NGOs working on social issues in China will be arranged if possible.

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Academic Journals and Online Resources:

The China Quarterly, *China Journal*, *Modern China*, *The China Review*

《二十一世紀》, 《開放時代》, 《社會學研究》

中國研究服務中心 Universities Service Center for China Studies:

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中國社會資源網 Resources on Contemporary Chinese Society:

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