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DIPL 6622 CHINA'S FOREIGN RELATIONS
Wednesday 2:00-4:10 pm

Fall 2015

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Course Description

This course provides students with a comprehensive introduction to the international relations of the People's Republic of China. It will explore a number of important events, including China's foreign relations since the Cold War as well as contemporary diplomatic, security and economic issues. In particular, this course will provide students some current research in Chinese foreign policy from multiple theoretical perspectives and methodologies.

This course is divided into four parts. It first examines Chinese security policy, including Chinese use of force, policy toward conflicts of interests affecting war and peace, and China's strategy as a rising power. The second part covers China's behavior as an actor in multilateral institutions and China's response to emerging global trends. These topics are relatively new for the field, reflecting the fact that since the late 1980s, China has advanced more rapidly into international institutional life than any other major state moving from a similar position of isolation. Part III will introduce new research on domestic-foreign linkages, considering the impact of trends in public opinion and of Chinese identity on China's policy toward countries in Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America. The final part will be student presentations of their research papers.

Course Requirements:

First exam	20%
Final research paper	50%
Presentation and class attendance:	30%

Grading Scale

A	94-100%	A-	90-93%	B+	87-89%
B	83-86%	B-	80-82%	C+	77-79%
C	73-76%	C-	70-72%	D+	67-69%
D	60-66%	F	59% and below		

Course Information and Policies

Remarks

1. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Civil Rights Restoration Act, students at Seton Hall University who have a disability may be eligible for accommodations in this course. Should a student require such accommodation, he or she must self-identify at the Office of Disability Support Services (DSS), Room 67, Duffy Hall, provide documentation of said disability, and work with DSS to develop a plan for accommodations. The contact person is Ms. Diane Delorenzo at (973) 313-6003.

2. Plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty will be reported to the administration, and may result in a lowered or failing grade for the course and up to possible dismissal from the School of Diplomacy. See university and school standards for academic conduct here:

<http://www.shu.edu/offices/student-life/community-standards/community-standards.cfm>

<http://www.shu.edu/academics/diplomacy/academic-conduct.cfm>.

Late Assignments and Make-up Policy

All assignments and exams should/must be completed by the date indicated in the syllabus. If for some substantial reason you cannot turn in your assignment or take an exam/quiz at the scheduled time you must/should contact the instructor directly prior to the due date, or test date. Make-up exams will not be given unless exceptional circumstances prevail. The decision whether to grant a make-up is solely at the instructor’s discretion. No one will be allowed to take a make-up for more than one examination. I will generally expect you to take exams early if you are going to miss the regular date.

Group Presentation Overall Grading

The oral presentation project will comprise 30% of your final grade in this course. The oral presentation project is designed for students to capitalize on their creativity while creating a presentation with usable content.

The actual presentation will be graded out of 30% points. 10% is for individual presentation and 20% is for team presentation. Everyone in the group must present some portion of the material, or points will be taken off.

Oral Presentation Evaluation

Individual Performance (10%)

Group Performance (20%)

1. Pose/Professionalism

2%

1. Choosing the case

5%

2. Team work	6%	2. Understanding of topic	5%
3. Delivery	2%	3. Good use of time	5%
		4. Answered questions clearly	5%

Readings

Robert G. Sutter, Chinese Foreign Relations: Power & Policy Since the Cold War (Third Edition, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc. 2012).

Recommended books:

Thomas W. Robinson and David Shambaugh, eds., Chinese foreign policy: theory and practice (Oxford New York, Clarendon Press; Oxford University Press, 1994).

Thomas A. Metzger, Ramon H. Myers, eds., Greater China and U.S. Foreign Policy: The Choice between Confrontation and Mutual Respect ((Stanford: Hoover Institution Press) reviewed for *Education About Asia* 2(1997):68-69

Hunt, Michael. *The Genesis of Chinese Communist Foreign Policy*. New York, NY: Columbia University Press, 1996, pp. 3-28. ISBN: 0231103107.

Harry Harding, *A Fragile Relationship: The United States and China since 1972* (Brookings, 1992).

Johnston A. Iain and Ross RobertS, eds., New Directions in the Study of China's Foreign Policy (Stanford, California, Stanford University Press, 2006).

Lampton, David M., ed. *The Making of Chinese Foreign and Security Policy*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2001. ISBN: 0804740569.

Mann, James. *About Face: A History of America's Curious Relationship with China, From Nixon to Clinton*. New York, NY: Knopf, 1999. ISBN: 067945053X.

Nathan, Andrew J., and Robert S. Ross. *Great Wall and Empty Fortress*. New York, NY: W.W. Norton, 1997, pp. 1-18. ISBN: 0393317846.

Stay Current. Stay abreast of current developments through the Asia sections of the Washington Post, New York Times, and other media sources. For the latest developments in China, reading material will be assigned from major news outlets in China that have

English editions, including the People's Daily, Xinhua news and the central news agency. Also, scan the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and State Council web sites.

Part 1: Introduction: Theoretical and Chinese security policy

Week 1 (02/Sept/2015)

Introduction

Robert G. Sutter, *Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy Since the Cold War*

Chat.1. Strategy and Continuity in contemporary Chinese Foreign Policy

Recommended:

Robert D. Blackwill & Ashley J. Tellis, "*Revising U.S. Grand Strategy Toward China*" (Council on Foreign Relations Special Report No.72, March 2015)

Michael D. Swaine & Ashley Tellis, *Interpreting China's Grand Strategy* (Santa Monica: RAND Corp, 2000), pp. 21-95

Michael Hunt, *The Genesis of Chinese Foreign Policy* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1996), pp. 3-28

Week 2 (09/Sept /2015)

Robert G. Sutter, *Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy Since the Cold War*

Chapt.2. Chinese leadership Priorities: Implications for Chinese Foreign Relations

Recommended:

Yang Jiemini, *China's "New Diplomacy" under the Xi Jinping Administration* (China Quarterly of International Strategic Studies, Vol.1, No. 1-17, 2015).

European Council on Foreign Relations, Special Issue "*Explaining China's Foreign Policy Reset*" (April, 2015)

Week 3 (09/Sept/2015)

Robert G. Sutter, *Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy Since the Cold War*

Chapt.5. Chinese National Security Policies

Recommended:

Rosemary Foot & Andrew Walter "China, the United States, and Global Order," *Chapt.2. Use of Force* (Cambridge University Press, 2011), pp. 31-79

Thomas J. Christensen, "Posing Problems without Catching Up: China's Rise and Challenges for US Security Policy," *International Security*, Vol. 25, No. 4 (Spring 2001), pp. 5-40

Week 4 (16/Sept/2015)

Robert G. Sutter, *Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy Since the Cold War*

Chapt. 7. Relations with Taiwan

Recommended:

Dennis V. Hickey, "Time to Review US Policy on Taiwan," *The Diplomat*, August 05, 2015

John F. Copper, "John Mearsheimer and Taiwan's Future," *American Journal of Chinese Studies*, 2014

Allen Carlson, "Constructing the Dragons Scales: *China's Approach to Territorial Sovereignty and Border Relations*," *Journal of Contemporary China*, Vol. 12, No. 37, (November 2003), pp.677-698

Part 2:China's behavior as an actor in multilateral institutions

Week 5 (23/Sept /2015)

Robert G. Sutter, *Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy Since the Cold War*

Chapt.4. China's Role in the World Economy & International Governance

Recommended:

Stephen Olson & Clyde Prestowitz "*The Evolving Role of China in Int'l Institutions*," The U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, January, 2011

Rosemary Foot & Andrew Walter "China, the United States, and Global Order," *Chapt.3 Macroeconomic Policy Surveillance* (Cambridge University Press, 2011), pp. 79-133

Zheng Bijian, "China's 'Peaceful Rise' to Great-Power Status," *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 84, No. 5 (Sep/Oct 2005)

Dale Copeland, "Economic Interdependence and the Future of US-China Relations," G. John Ikenberry and Michael Mastanduno, eds., *International Relations Theory and the Asia-Pacific* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2003), pp. 323-352

Week 6 (30/Sept/2015)

Robert G. Sutter, *Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy Since the Cold War*

Chapt.3. Changing Patterns in Decision Making & Int'l Outlook

Recommended:

Martin Jacques, "*China's Growing Global Influence*," *Diplomacy Magazine*, 30 September, 2014

Lee Kuan Yew, "*China's Rise: A Shift in Global Influence*," *Forbes*, 12/02/2010

Yang Jiemian (Shanghai Institutes for Int'l Studies) *China's "New Diplomacy" under the Xi Jinping Administration*, April, 2015
download from www.worldscientific.com

Week 7 (07/Oct /2015)

Robert G. Sutter, *Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy Since the Cold War*

Chapt.6. Relations with the United States

Recommended:

" U.S.-China 21:The Future of U.S.-China Relations Under Xi Jinping,"
Harvard Kennedy School Belfer Center for Science and Int'l Affairs,
April, 2015, pp.12-36

Samantha Blum, "Chinese Views of US Hegemony," *Journal of Contemporary China*, Vol. 12, No. 35 (2003), pp. 239–264

Week 8 (14/Oct/2015):

Robert G. Sutter, *Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy Since the Cold War*

Chapt.11. Relations with Russia and Europe

Recommended:

Odd A. Westad, "Introduction," in Odd A. Westad, ed., *Brothers in Arms: The Rise and Fall of the Sino-Soviet Alliance, 1945-1963* (Stanford: Stanford UP, 1998), pp. 5-32

Part 3: Introduce new research: China's policy toward Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America

Week 9 (21/Oct/2015)

Robert G. Sutter, *Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy Since the Cold War*

Chapt.8. Relations with Japan and Korea

Recommended:

Robert Sutter, "China and Japan: Trouble Ahead?," *The Washington Quarterly*, Vol. 25, No. 4, (Autumn 2002), pp. 37-49

Sergei N. Goncharov, John W. Lewis and Xue Litai, *Uncertain Partners: Stalin, Mao and the Korean War* (Stanford: Stanford UP, 1993), pp. 76-109

Week 10 (28/Oct/2015)

Robert G. Sutter, *Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy Since the Cold War*

Chapt.10. Relations with Southern Asia and Central Asia

For the latest developments in China, reading material will be assigned from major news outlets in China that have English editions, including the People's Daily, Xinhua news and the central news agency. Also, scan the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and State Council web sites

Recommended:

New Directions in the Study of China's Foreign Policy (Edi., Alstair Iain Johnston and Robert S. Ross. Stanford University Press Stanford, California 2006).

Week 11 (04/Nov /2015)

Robert G. Sutter, *Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy Since the Cold War*

Chapt. 9. Relations with Southeast Asia, Australia, New Zealand, & the Pacific Islands

Recommended:

The Great Wall and the Empty Fortress: China's Search for Security (Andrew J. Nathan and Robert S. Ross. W. W. Norton and Company, New York. 1998)

Week 12 (11/Nov/2015)

Robert G. Sutter, *Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy Since the Cold War*

Chapt. 12. Relations with the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America

Guy Edwards and J. Timmons Roberts, "A High-Carbon Partnership? Chinese-Latin American Relations in a Carbon-constrained World," *Global Economy & Development* , March, 2014, Brookings

Recommended:

Yun Sun, "Africa in China's Foreign Policy," April, 2014, Brookings

Week 13 (18/Apr/2011)

Robert G. Sutter, *Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy Since the Cold War*

Chapt. 12. Relations with the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America

Rebecca Ray and Kevin Gallagher, "China-- - Latin America Economic Bulletin," Global Economic Governance Initiative-Discussion Paper, 2015-9

Week 15 (2 /Dec/2015)

Robert G. Sutter, *Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy Since the Cold War*

Chapt. 12. Relations with the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America

Recommended:

Sam Chester, "China's Relations with the Middle East: A Bibliography, 1950-2012," School of Advanced International Affairs, Johns Hopkins University

Week 16 (9/Dec/2015)

Class Review session

Week 17 (16/Dec/2015)

Final Examination

