

**The Ohio State University  
Winter 2006**

**PS 536: Greater China-Politics of China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong**

T/Th 8:30-10:18

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**Course Description:** The central focus of this course will be the politics of Greater China (People's Republic of China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong). Key topics include political culture, political regimes and democratization, economic development, and cross-strait relations.

**Prerequisites:** This is an advanced course. Although the instructor will generally provide brief remarks to introduce the material and provide some context for the readings, the majority of the class time will consist of discussion rather than lecture. Therefore, at least one previous course in East Asian politics, culture, or history is necessary. To enroll in this course, students are required to have taken PS 537 or at least one of the following courses that provide relevant background: AEDE 439, Chinese 231, Chinese 232, EALL 131, EALL 341, History 142, History 545.03, or History 545.04. Students who are unsure of their preparation for this course are encouraged to consult with the instructor.

**Requirements:** This course is organized as a seminar. Therefore, attendance and participation in class discussion are mandatory.

Grades will be based on class participation (15%), a midterm exam (40%), and a final exam (45%). The class participation grade is based on the student's contribution to class discussion. All students are expected to have read the assigned material before class, and should come to class prepared to critically engage the readings. For example, classroom discussion will generally involve the following types of questions. What are the strengths and weaknesses of the author's approach? Do you agree or disagree with the argument? Why? What similarities across China, Taiwan and Hong Kong allow us to use the concept of "Greater China"? What are the key differences among these political units?

Students are also expected to keep up-to-date on current developments and news related to Greater China. In addition to major U.S. and European newspapers, there are several English-language sources from Asia.

China: Beijing Review ([www.bjreview.com.cn](http://www.bjreview.com.cn)), China Daily ([www.chinadaily.com.cn](http://www.chinadaily.com.cn)), People's Daily (<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn>)

Hong Kong: Asia Times ([www.atimes.com](http://www.atimes.com)), Far Eastern Economic Review ([www.feer.com](http://www.feer.com)), Hong Kong Daily (<http://www.hongkongdaily.com/>), South China Morning Post ([www.scmp.com](http://www.scmp.com))

Taiwan: Taiwan News ([www.etaiwannews.com](http://www.etaiwannews.com)), Central News Agency (<http://www.cna.com.tw/eng/>)

The standards for evaluating class participation are as follows:

A – The student frequently makes relevant and insightful comments, or raises pertinent questions for class discussion. Comments and/or questions demonstrate careful reading of assigned materials and awareness of current events in Greater China. Comments may also make connections with relevant material from other courses.

B – The student occasionally makes relevant and insightful comments (as described above), or raises pertinent questions for class discussion.

C – The student rarely participates in class discussion, or participation clearly indicates that the student has not read assigned material.

D – The student almost never participates in class discussion, or is frequently absent from class.

F – The student does not participate in class discussion, or is repeatedly absent from class.

The following books are available for purchase:

John F. Copper. Taiwan: Nation-State or Province? (4<sup>th</sup> edition) (Westview Press, 2003).

Christine Loh (ed.) Building Democracy: Creating Good Government for Hong Kong (Hong Kong University Press, 2004).

Suzanne Ogden. Inklings of Democracy in China (Cambridge: Harvard University Asia Center, 2002).

Remaining readings consist of articles and book chapters.

*Week 1*

### **The Concept of Greater China**

Harry Harding, “The Concept of ‘Greater China’: Themes, Variations, and Reservations,” The China Quarterly, No. 136, Special Issue: Greater China. (Dec. 1993), pp. 660-686.

### **Political Culture**

Lucian Pye. Asian Power and Politics: The Cultural Dimensions of Authority (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1985), Chapters 3, 7.

*Week 2*

### **Political Culture and Democracy**

Ogden, Chapters 1-4

Additional Reading (Optional!): Daniel A Bell East Meets West: Human Rights and Democracy in East Asia (Princeton University Press, 2000), Chapters 1, 2, 5.

*Week 3*

**Taiwan's Transition to Democracy**

Copper, Chapters 1-4

Shelley Rigger, "The Education of Chen Shui-bian: Taiwan's Experience of Divided Government," Journal of Contemporary China 11:33 (Nov 2002).

*Week 4*

**Political Change in China**

Ogden, Chapters 5-7

Li, Lianjiang, "The Empowering Effect of Village Elections in China," Asian Survey, Vol.43, No.4 (July-August 2003), pp.648-62.

Young Nam Cho, "From 'Rubber Stamps' to 'Iron Stamps': The Emergence of Chinese Local People's Congresses as Supervisory Powerhouses," China Quarterly 171 (September 2002), pp. 724-40.

*Week 5*

**Handover and Politics in Hong Kong**

Richard Baum, "Democracy Deformed: Hong Kong's 1998 Legislative Elections – And Beyond," China Quarterly 162 (June 2000), pp. 9-28.

Loh, Chapters 1-6

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*Week 6*

**Hong Kong and Macao**

Loh, Chapters 7-12

Ming Sing, "Public Support for Democracy in Hong Kong," Democratization (April 2005)

Chou, "Interest Group Politics in Macau after Handover," Journal of Contemporary China (May 2005).

*Week 7*

**Political Economy – Hong Kong & Taiwan**

Ezra F. Vogel The Four Little Dragons: The Spread of Industrialization in East Asia (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1991), Chapter 2, pp. 13-41, and Chapter 4, pp. 66-82.

L. Cheung, "New Interventionism in the Making: Interpreting State Interventions in Hong Kong After the Change of Sovereignty," Journal of Contemporary China 9:24 (July 2000), pp. 291-308.

Copper, Chapter 5

*Week 8*

**Political Economy – China**

David Zweig, "China's Stalled 'Fifth Wave': Zhu Rongji's Reform Package of 1998-2000" Asian Survey 41:2 (March/April 2001), pp. 231-47.

Dorothy J. Solinger, "Labour Market Reform and the Plight of the Laid-off Proletariat," China Quarterly 170 (June 2002), pp. 304-26.

Susan D. Blum, "Rural China and the WTO," Journal of Contemporary China, 11:32 (August 2002), pp. 459-72.

**Guest Lecture 2/21 Dr. Xia Yeliang**

Beijing University Economics Dept, Visiting Scholar at the Center for Chinese Studies, UC Berkeley

"Institutional Change in China since 1979: Gradual Process of Market Economy and Political Conservatism"

*Week 9*

**Cross-Strait Relations**

Copper, Chapter 6.

Cal Clark, "Taiwan's 2004 Presidential Election: The End of Chen Shui-bian's 'Strategic Ambiguity' on Cross-strait Relations?" East Asia 21:4 (Winter 2004), pp. 25-37.

Joseph Y.S. Cheng and Camoes T.K. Tam, "The Taiwan Presidential Election and its Implications for Cross-Straits Relations: A Political Cleavage Perspective," Asian Affairs 32:1 (Spring 2005), pp. 3-23.

*Week 10*

**The Future of Greater China**

Copper, Chapter 7.

Ogden, Chapters 8-9.

Joseph Fewsmith, "Chinese Politics under Hu Jintao," Problems of Post-Communism 50:5 (Sep/Oct 2003), pp. 14-31.