



## *Change and Continuity: Chinese Foreign Policy (CFP) Since 1949*

<b>Module Code</b>		<b>Program Level</b>	<i>MBA; graduate level</i>
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<b>Target Students</b>	<i>MBA; Master</i>	<b>Total Credits</b>	1
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<b>Semester</b>	<i>Spring Semester 2025</i>	<b>Prerequisites</b>	<i>Constantly following International affairs</i>
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<b>Office hours/ Appointment Procedures</b>	<i>2-4 PM (Beijing Time), Thursday afternoon. Appointments by emails.</i>
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<b>Course Description</b>	This course will provide students with the proper methodologies for analyzing Chinese foreign policy (CFP) and understanding the logic behind China's international behaviors, as well as their implications for the world, in order to predict trade and economic development based on these policies.
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<b>Aims &amp; Objectives</b>	<p>The aim of the course is to help students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ obtain a comprehensive understanding of the changes and continuities of CFP since 1949 and their implications for today's context.</li> <li>◆ find out about China's unique perceptions of particular international political, economic and security issues, and its special behavior patterns in negotiation, cooperation and deterrence as well as the variables that might affect them.</li> <li>◆ take an intensive look at some of the major problems that China faces and its policy toward international regimes, its neighbors in the region and the major powers in the new era.</li> <li>◆ understand the effective approaches and methods in CFP study.</li> </ul>
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<b>Learning Outcomes</b>	The students would have a comprehensive understanding of China's foreign policy since 1949 and especially the considerations and reasons behind it, enabling them to effectively analyze and predict regarding China's international behavior and its dynamics.
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<b>Grading System</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Class participation &amp; in-class discussion</i> 20 %</li> <li>• <i>Presentation</i> 30%</li> <li>• <i>Final Paper</i> 50 %</li> </ul>
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Outline of Teaching Schedule	Lecture	Readings/Cases
<b>20 March, 2025</b>	Theories and Methodologies: an Introduction of CFP Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alastair Iain Johnston: "Trends in Theory and Method in the Study of Chinese Foreign Policy", paper prepared for the conference on China Studies on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, December 2005</li> </ul>
<b>27 March, 2025</b>	Challenger or Collaborator: China's Changing Identity to the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chen Jian, <i>Mao's China &amp; the Cold War</i>, The University of North Carolina Press, 2001</li> </ul>
<b>3 April, 2025</b>	The Pursuit of Security: The Conditions in Which China Would Go to War	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Henry Kissinger: <i>World Order</i>, Penguin Books, 2014</li> </ul>
<b>10 April, 2025</b>	Power and Responsibilities: China's Path to a Responsible Power in the Global Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rethinking Globalization in the Trump Era: US-China Relations Joseph E. Stiglitz. Note prepared for the 2017 China Development Forum, Beijing, March, 2017</li> </ul>
<b>17 April, 2025</b>	Diplomatic Simulation	None



<b>Method of Class Teaching</b>	Lectures and Q&A, debates and discussions, simulations	
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<b>Course Materials Required</b>	The course does not require a textbook. However, we do highly recommend the following books, which provide more details on many of the technical concepts we touch on in this course. Part of the course reading materials are available within our course platform and will be shared at the start of each session.
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<b>Reading List Recommended</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. John King Fairbank: The United States and China, Harvard University Press, 1983.</li><li>2. Samuel P. Huntington: Clash of Civilizations, Simon &amp; Schuster, 1996.</li><li>3. David Shambaugh: China's Leaders: From Mao to Now, Polity, 2021.</li><li>4. David M. Lampton (ed.): The Making of Chinese Foreign and Security Policy in the Era of Reform, 1978-2000, Stanford University Press, 2001.</li><li>5. Yasheng Huang: Capitalism with Chinese Characteristics: Entrepreneurship and the State, Cambridge University Press, 2008.</li><li>6. Herry Kissinger: On China, Penguin Books, 2012.</li><li>7. Xi Jinping: The Governance of China Volume I, II, III: Foreign Language Press, 2014, 2017, 2020.</li><li>8. Julian Gewirtz: Unlikely Partners: Chinese Reformers, Western Economists, and the Making of Global China, Harvard University Press, 2017.</li></ol>
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