

Fall 9-1-2006

## PSC 395.02: Contemporary Chinese Politics

Terry M. Weidner

University of Montana - Missoula, [terry.weidner@umontana.edu](mailto:terry.weidner@umontana.edu)

Let us know how access to this document benefits you.

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarworks.umt.edu/syllabi>

---

### Recommended Citation

Weidner, Terry M., "PSC 395.02: Contemporary Chinese Politics" (2006). *Syllabi*. 6665.  
<https://scholarworks.umt.edu/syllabi/6665>

This Syllabus is brought to you for free and open access by the Course Syllabi at ScholarWorks at University of Montana. It has been accepted for inclusion in Syllabi by an authorized administrator of ScholarWorks at University of Montana. For more information, please contact [scholarworks@mso.umt.edu](mailto:scholarworks@mso.umt.edu).

already sent  
over

## Contemporary Chinese Politics DS 0395

### Course Description:

This course will try to help you understand the current political situations and system of China. By starting with the political legacy of china, this course will firstly explore the political power structure of contemporary China. It will also examine the political institutions and major political forces, such as interest groups, in contemporary China. This course then will discuss the policy making and implementation process. The relationship between central and local government is also of great importance to understand contemporary Chinese politics. Finally this course will also help you further your understanding of Chinese politics by examining the rural and urban politics in China.

What this course will help you to understand are:

- What kind of Chinese political system today is
- The political institutions and forces in contemporary Chinese politics
- The policy making and implementation process in Chinese government
- The relationship between central and local governments in Chinese politics
- The importance of rural and urban politics in China
- The challenges to Chinese in the political reformation

### Required Readings:

Lieberthal, Kenneth. 2004. *Governing China*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. New York: Norton.

Saich, Tony. 2004. *Governance and Politics of China*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. New York: Palgrave.

Wang, James C.F. 2002. *Contemporary Chinese Politics*, 7th ed. Englewood, NJ: Prentice-Hall.

Other readings are also going to be available.

### Grading:

1. Class preparation, class participation, and attendance: one-third
2. Mid-term examination (essay exam): one-third (three-page paper)
3. Final examination paper: one-third (five-page paper)

### Class topics:

1. Introduction: Historical and Cultural Perspectives

Readings:

Wang, *Contemporary Chinese Politics*, chapter 1;  
Lieberthal, *Governing China*, chapter 1-5; Saich, *Governance and Politics of China*,  
Chapter 2, 3.

2. The Structure of Political Power in Contemporary China

Readings:

Lieberthal, *Governing China*, chapter 6, 7;  
Saich, *Governance and Politics of China*, Chapter 5, 6; Wang, *Contemporary Chinese  
Politics*, chapter 4, 5.

3. The Political Institution of the Party-State

Readings:

Saich, *Governance and Politics of China*, Chapter 4;

4. Major Social Interest Groups

Readings:

Lieberthal, *Governing China*, chapter 11;  
Saich, *Governance and Politics of China*, Chapter 8;  
Wang, *Contemporary Chinese Politics*, chapter 10.

5. Political Communication in Chinese Politics

Readings:

Saich, *Governance and Politics of China*, chapter 7.

6. Policy Making Process in Chinese Government

Readings:

Lieberthal, *Governing China*, chapter 9, 10.

**7. MID-TERM EXAMINATION: prepare for exam**

8. Policy Implementation in Chinese Government

Readings:

Saich, *Governance and Politics of China*, chapter 9,10, 11.

9. Monitoring on Policy Process in Chinese Politics

Readings:

Wang, *Contemporary Chinese Politics*, chapter 6.

10. Central-Local Government Relations (I)

Readings:

Saich,  
*Governance and Politics of China*, chapter6.

## 11. Central-Local Government Relations (II)

### Readings:

Wang, *Contemporary Chinese Politics*, chapter 7.

## 12. Rural Politics in China

### Readings:

Wang, *Contemporary Chinese Politics*, chapter 11.

## 13. Urban Politics in China

### Readings:

Wang, *Contemporary Chinese Politics*, chapter 11.

## 14. Future trends and preparation for final exam

### **Selected Websites:**

American Chamber of Commerce in Beijing. <http://www.amcham-china.org.cn>

American Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai. <http://www.amcham-shanghai.org>

American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong. <http://www.amcham.org.hk>

Asian Studies Virtual Library. [coombs.anu.edu.au/WWWVL-AsianStudies.html](http://coombs.anu.edu.au/WWWVL-AsianStudies.html)

Brookings Institution Center for Northeast Policy Studies.

[http://www.brook.edu/dybdocroot/fp/cnaps/center\\_hp.htm](http://www.brook.edu/dybdocroot/fp/cnaps/center_hp.htm)

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. [www.ceip.org](http://www.ceip.org)

Center for Nonproliferation Studies, China Database. [www.nti.org/db/china](http://www.nti.org/db/china)

Central Asia-Caucasus Institute. [www.cacianalyst.org](http://www.cacianalyst.org)

China Data Center ( University of Michigan ). [www.umich.edu/~iinet/chinadata](http://www.umich.edu/~iinet/chinadata)

Chinese Military Power. [www.comw.org/cmp](http://www.comw.org/cmp)

ChinaInfo. [www.chinainfo.gov.cn](http://www.chinainfo.gov.cn)

China Documentation Center at George Washington University 's Gelman Library.

[www.gwu.edu/gelman/seearr/cdc](http://www.gwu.edu/gelman/seearr/cdc)

China Statistical Yearbook On Line. [www.stats.gov.cn](http://www.stats.gov.cn)

Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. [www.fmprc.gov.cn](http://www.fmprc.gov.cn)

Chinese State Council Information Office. [www.chinaonline.com/refer/ministry\\_profiles/scio.asp](http://www.chinaonline.com/refer/ministry_profiles/scio.asp)

CIA . [www.cia.gov](http://www.cia.gov)

CIA World Factbook. [www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook](http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook)

Council on Foreign Relations. [www.cfr.org](http://www.cfr.org)

Council on Security Cooperation in Asia-Pacific. [www.cscap.org](http://www.cscap.org)

CSIS Pacific Forum. [www.csis.org/pacfor](http://www.csis.org/pacfor)

Federation of American Scientists, China page. [www.fas.org/news/china/index.html](http://www.fas.org/news/china/index.html)

Federation of American Scientists, Taiwan crisis page.

[www.fas.org/man/dod-101/ops/taiwan-crisis.htm](http://www.fas.org/man/dod-101/ops/taiwan-crisis.htm)

Hong Kong Trade Development Council. [www.tdc.org.hk](http://www.tdc.org.hk)

Human Rights in China . [www.hrichina.org](http://www.hrichina.org)

Human Rights Watch. [www.hrw.org](http://www.hrw.org)

National Bureau of Asian Research. [www.strategicasia.nbr.org](http://www.strategicasia.nbr.org)  
National Committee on U.S.-China Relations. [www.ncuscr.org](http://www.ncuscr.org)  
National Security Archive. [www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv](http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv)  
Nautilus Northeast Asia Peace and Security Network Daily Report.  
[www.nautilus.org/napsnet/dr/index.html](http://www.nautilus.org/napsnet/dr/index.html)  
NDU Center for Chinese Military Studies. [www.ndu.edu/inss/China\\_Center/CSCMA\\_frames.htm](http://www.ndu.edu/inss/China_Center/CSCMA_frames.htm)  
People's Daily (English). [www.english.peopledaily.com.cn](http://www.english.peopledaily.com.cn)  
RAND Corporation. [rand.org](http://rand.org)  
Research Resources for Asian and Chinese Politics.  
[www.jhunix.hcf.jhu.edu/~ktsai/researchasiachina.htm](http://www.jhunix.hcf.jhu.edu/~ktsai/researchasiachina.htm)  
Republic of China ( Taiwan ) foreign ministry. [www.mofa.gov.tw/emofa/econtain.htm](http://www.mofa.gov.tw/emofa/econtain.htm)  
Taiwan Security Research. [www.taiwansecurity.org](http://www.taiwansecurity.org)  
UNDP. [www.undp.org](http://www.undp.org)  
U.S.-China Business Council. [www.uschina.org](http://www.uschina.org)  
US-China Economic and Security Review Commission. <http://www.uscc.gov>  
U.S. Embassy in China. [www.usembassy-china.org.cn](http://www.usembassy-china.org.cn)  
U.S. State Department. [www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov)  
U.S. Trade Representative. [www.ustr.gov](http://www.ustr.gov)  
World Bank. [www.worldbank.org](http://www.worldbank.org)  
World News Connection (FBIS). Access through  
[www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/eresources/databases](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/eresources/databases)