

MODERNIZATION IN EAST ASIA CHINA AND TAIWAN COMPARED

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Course description:

This course examines the different historical experiences of mainland China and Taiwan in the context of the East Asian model of development. Owing to a shared cultural heritage and historical links, both China and Taiwan have displayed some features in their postwar developments that are identified as characteristic of the East Asian region. But striking contrasts across the strait existed in political systems, economic development strategies, and cultural attitudes. To what extent these differences explain the different economic performances between the two sides of the strait in the postwar years? How has the Taiwan experience influenced the patterns of economic growth in China during the reform era? Will Taiwan's democratization play a role in the future political development in mainland China? These will be among the major topics to be explored in this course.

Required readings:

- Tony Saich, *Governance and Politics of China* (Palgrave, 2011)
- John Copper, *Taiwan: Nation-State or Province?* (Westview, 2009)
- Bruce Gilley & Larry Diamond, *Political Change in China: Comparisons with Taiwan* (Rienner, 2008)

In addition to the books listed above, this course uses a number of journal articles and book chapters, available at the course's Blackboard site.

Grading:

- Participation (10%): active participation in discussion and a 15-minute presentation on reading assignments, beginning Feb. 8.
- Midterm exam (30%): on Thur. Mar. 10.
- Final exam (30%): on Thur. May 12.
- Quizzes (5% each, 20% total): four quizzes on required readings (marked with an asterisk *), each for 10 minutes at the beginning of class.
- Short essay (10%): 5-6 double-spaced pages, due Thur. May 5th.

Note: 1) Attendance policy: You are allowed two unexcused absences. Each additional absence without acceptable documentation will lower your final grade by 1 percent (up to 10%).

- 2) Plus/minus grades will be assigned for the final grade.
3) Any student with a documented disability who requires academic accommodations should contact Services for Students with Disabilities at 471-6259 (voice) or 1-866-329-3986 (Video Phone) as soon as possible to request an official letter outlining authorized accommodations.

Class Schedule:

Part I. Historical Overviews

- Tue. Jan. 18 Introduction
Readings:
**Taiwan: Nation-State or Province*, Chap. 1
- Thur. Jan. 20 China: a historical overview
Readings:
**Governance and Politics of China*, Chap. 1
- Tue. Jan. 25 The making of modern China
Readings:
**Governance and Politics of China*, Chap. 2
- Thur. Jan. 27 China under socialism
Readings:
**Governance and Politics of China*, Chap. 3
- Tue. Feb. 1 China under reform
Readings:
**Governance and Politics of China*, Chap. 4
- Thur. Feb. 3 Taiwan: a historical overview
Readings:
**Taiwan: Nation-State or Province*, Chap. 2

Part II. Institutions and Policies

- Tue. Feb. 8 The CCP leadership
Readings:
**Governance and Politics of China*, Chap. 5
- Thur. Feb. 10 The Chinese state
Readings:
**Governance and Politics of China*, Chap. 6
- Tue. Feb. 15 Local governance in China
Readings:
**Governance and Politics of China*, Chap. 7
- Thur. Feb. 17 Political participation and protest in China

Readings:

**Governance and Politics of China*, Chap. 8

Tue. Feb. 22 Political system in Taiwan

**Taiwan: Naiton-State or Province*, Chap. 4

Thur. Feb. 24 Social structure and change in China

Readings:

**Governance and Politics of China*, Chap. 9

Tue. Mar. 1 Social problems and public policy in China

Readings:

**Governance and Politics of China*, Chap. 11

Thur. Mar. 3 Social change and problems in Taiwan

Readings:

**Taiwan: Naiton-State or Province*, Chap. 3

Tue. Mar. 8 Economic reform in China

Readings:

**Governance and Politics of China*, Chap. 10

Thur. Mar. 10 Mid-term exam

(Mar. 14-19, Spring Break)

Tue. Mar. 22 Economic growth in China

Readings:

*"Sustaining Economic Growth in China" (available at Blackboard)

"Energy Implications of China's Growth" (available at Blackboard)

Thur. Mar. 24 Economy growth in Taiwan

Readings:

**Taiwan: Naiton-State or Province*, Chap. 5

Gary Gereffi, "Rethinking Development Theory: Insights from East Asia and Latin America" (available at Blackboard)

Tue. Mar. 29 China's foreign relations

Readings:

**Governance and Politics of China*, Chap. 12

"China and the World" (available at Blackboard)

Thur. Mar. 31 Taiwan: diplomatic and military policies

Readings:

**Taiwan: Naiton-State or Province*, Chap. 6

"Why Does the U.S. Care About Taiwan?" (available at Blackboard)

Part III. New Challenges

- Tue. Apr. 5 Political culture
 Readings:
 **Political Change in China: Comparisons with Taiwan*: Chap. 2
 R. Inglehart & C. Welzel, “Political Culture and Democracy” (available at Blackboard)
- Thur. Apr. 7 The role of intellectuals
 Readings:
 **Political Change in China: Comparisons with Taiwan*: Chap. 3
 “China Debates Its Future” (available at Blackboard)
- Tue. Apr. 12 Religion and society
 Readings:
 *Pitman B. Potter, “Belief in Control: Regulation of Religion in China” (available at Blackboard)
 OR: *Paul R. Katz, “Religion and the State in Post-War Taiwan” (available at Blackboard)
- Thur. Apr. 14 The rise of the middle class
 Readings:
 **Political Change in China: Comparisons with Taiwan*: Chap. 5
 Jianjun Zhang, “Marketization, Class Structure, and Democracy in China: Contrasting Regional Experiences” (available at Blackboard)
- Tue. Apr. 19 Environment and society
 Readings:
 *Yanqi Tong, “Environmental Movements in Transitional Societies: A Comparative Study of Taiwan and China” (available at Blackboard)
Political Change in China: Comparisons with Taiwan: Chap. 6
- Thur. Apr. 21 Developing the rule of law
 Readings:
 **Political Change in China: Comparisons with Taiwan*: Chap. 7
 L. Diamond, “The Rule of Law as Transition to Democracy in China” (available at Blackboard)
- Tue. Apr. 26 Competitive elections
 Readings:
 **Political Change in China: Comparisons with Taiwan*: Chap. 8
 L. Li, “The Empowering Effect of Village Elections in China” (available at Blackboard)
- Thur. Apr. 28 Transition to democracy
 Readings:
 **Political Change in China: Comparisons with Taiwan*: Chap. 10
 OR: *“Democracy with Chinese Characteristics?” (available at Blackboard)

Tue. May 3 Future challenges

Readings:

**Governance and Politics of China*, Chap. 13

Taiwan: Nation-State or Province, Chap. 7

Thur. May 5 Toward an “East Asian model” of modernization?

Readings:

**Political Change in China: Comparisons with Taiwan*: Chap. 11

A. Przeworski & F. Limongi, “Modernization: Theories and Facts” (available at Blackboard)

(short essay due)

Thur. May 12 Final exam (7:00–10:00 pm)