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:

- Bruce Gilley & Larry Diamond, *Political Change in China: Comparisons with Taiwan* (Rienner, 2008)
- David C. Kang, *China Rising: Peace, Power, and Order in East Asia* (Columbia University Press, 2009)

In addition to the books listed above, this course uses a few journal articles, available at the course’s Blackboard site.

Grading:

- Participation (10%): active participation in discussion and a 15-minute presentation on reading assignments, beginning Tuesday, September 10.
- Midterm exam (30%): on Tuesday, October 15.
- Final exam (30%): on Thursday, December 5th.
- Quizzes (5% each, 20% total): four pop-up quizzes, each on a chapter of your choice (if there are more than one chapter) assigned to the day when the quiz takes place. The quiz lasts for 15 minutes at the beginning of class without prior notification.
- Short essay (10%): 5-6 double-spaced pages, due Thursday December 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. A Historical Overview

Thur. Aug. 29  Introduction
Readings:
Governance and Politics of China, Chap. 1
Taiwan: Nation-State or Province, Chap. 1

Tue. Sept. 3  Historical and cultural legacies
Readings:
Governance and Politics of China, Chap. 2
Taiwan: Nation-State or Province, Chap. 2

Thur. Sept. 5  Modern transformation
Readings:
Governance and Politics of China, Chaps. 3-4

Part II. Institutions and Policies

Tue. Sept. 10  The CCP leadership
Reading:
Governance and Politics of China, Chap. 5

Thur. Sept. 12  The Chinese state
Reading:
Governance and Politics of China, Chap. 6

Tue. Sept. 17  Local governance in China
Reading:
Governance and Politics of China, Chap. 7

Thur. Sept. 19  Political participation and protest in China
Reading:
Governance and Politics of China, Chap. 8
Tue. Sept. 24  Political system in Taiwan  
   Reading: 
   *Taiwan: Nation-State or Province*, Chap. 4

Thur. Sept. 26  Social structure and change in China  
   Reading: 
   *Governance and Politics of China*, Chap. 9

Tue. Oct. 1  Social problems and public policy in China  
   Readings: 
   *Governance and Politics of China*, Chap. 11

Thur. Oct. 3  Social change and problems in Taiwan  
   Readings: 
   *Taiwan: Nation-State or Province*, Chap. 3

Tue. Oct. 8  Economic reform in China  
   Readings: 
   *Governance and Politics of China*, Chap. 10

Thur. Oct. 10  Economy growth in Taiwan  
   Readings: 
   *Taiwan: Nation-State or Province*, Chap. 5

Tue. Oct. 15  **Mid-term exam** (5:00-6:30 p.m.)

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**Part III. New Challenges**

Thur. Oct. 17  Political culture  
   Readings: 
   *Political Change in China: Comparisons with Taiwan*: Chaps. 2 & 3

Tue. Oct. 22  Religion and society  
   Readings: 
   Pitman B. Potter, “Belief in Control: Regulation of Religion in China”  
   (available at Blackboard)  
   Paul R. Katz, “Religion and the State in Post-War Taiwan” (available at Blackboard)

Thur. Oct. 24  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. Oct. 29  Economy and environment
Readings:
“Sustaining Economic Growth in China” (available at Blackboard)
Yanqi Tong, “Environmental Movements in Transitional Societies: A Comparative Study of Taiwan and China” (available at Blackboard)

Thur. Oct. 31  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. Nov. 5  Transition to democracy
Readings:
Political Change in China: Comparisons with Taiwan: Chap. 8 & 10

Thur. Nov. 7  Future challenges
Readings:
Governance and Politics of China, Chap. 13
Political Change in China: Comparisons with Taiwan: Chap. 11

Part VI. The East Asian and Global Perspectives

Tue. Nov. 12  East Asia: a historical review
Readings:
China Rising, Chap. 1-2

Thur. Nov. 14  China and East Asia
Reading:
China Rising, Chap. 3
Governance and Politics of China, Chap. 12

Tue. Nov. 19  Taiwan: diplomatic and military policies
Readings:
China Rising, Chap. 4
Taiwan: Nation-State or Province, Chap. 6

Thur. Nov. 21  Northeast Asia: Korea and Japan
Readings:
China Rising, Chaps. 5 & 7

Tue. Nov. 26  Southeast Asia
Readings:
China Rising, Chaps. 6

(Thur. Nov. 29 Thanksgiving)
Tue. Dec. 3   The United States in East Asia
             Readings:
             *China Rising*, Chaps. 8 & 9

Thur. Dec. 5   Conclusion; essay due

Thur. Dec. 12  **Final exam** (7:00-10:00 pm)