POLI 359: Chinese Foreign Policy
[Topic Course, Winter 2020]
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Jan 06-Apr 8, 2020
Schedule: Mon/Wed 1:05-2:25pm
Location: SADB 2/36

Study Break: March 2-6

Course Description
This course aims to provide a basic empirical and analytical mapping to understand Chinese foreign policy. It includes five topics: 1) the influences of domestic actors and institutions, 2) different approaches to Chinese foreign policymaking, 3) case studies: China-the U.S., China-Soviet/Russia, China-North Korea, and China-Canada, and 4) China’s rise and its changing role in global governance.

Assignments:
1. Participation 10%
2. Policy Brief 20% (or Crisis Simulation Game*)
3. In-Class Midterm 25%
4. Formal Final Exam 45%

1. Participation: You are expected to participate actively and regularly in conferences. It is aimed at facilitating your understanding of lecture materials and homework assignments. After the add/drop period, 1 point will be deducted for each time you are absent. Formal proof is needed for medical emergencies that will be excused.
2. In-class Midterm is composed of short-answer questions. Formal Final Exam is accumulative.
3. Policy Brief (Due one week after the last lecture): A 10-page (double-spaced) exercise on forecasting in the form of a simulated report. You will pick a topic and issue from the following list, identify an appropriate Canadian government agency/department/ministry that would be responsible for that issue, and write from the perspective of an analyst providing background and advice to your leadership. The paper should analyze (a) the three main variables (rank ordered) that you think will affect the issue or situation over the next three-five years, and (b) predict three alternative scenarios (high, medium, low likelihood). You need to select from the following list of topics. (For more Instructions, see MyCourse)
   * Five volunteers will be selected to have an alternative assignment: Crisis Simulation Game.

   1) China in global economic order
   China in the WTO
   China in the World Bank
   China in the International Monetary Fund
   China in the Asian Development Bank
   China in the Inter-American Development Bank
   The China Development Bank
China’s Export-Import Bank
Huawei, Haier, Geely, or another multinational corporation
China Investment Corporation
SINOPEC, CNOOC, CNPC or another national oil company
Ministry of Commerce Bureau of Aid to Foreign Countries

2) China’s global cultural influence
The Hanban and Confucius Institutes
Xinhua News Agency (international)
CCTV
China Radio International
State Council Information Office
Ministry of Foreign Affairs Office of Public Diplomacy
China Scholarship Council
Ministry of Culture’s China Arts and Entertainment Group

3) China’s security strategy and military influence
China’s joint military exercises with foreign countries
China’s disaster relief operations
Great Wall Industries, NORINCO, or other companies involved in China’s arms sales abroad
China’s training of foreign military personnel
China’s “strategic dialogues” with foreign countries
China’s involvement in UN peacekeeping operations (UNPKO)

4) China and global governance
China and the World Health Organization
China and INTERPOL
China and the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG)
China and the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR)
China and the UN Summits on Climate Change
China’s participation in any United Nations Agency (e.g. UNESCO, UNEP, FAO, ILO, ICAO, WMO, etc.)

Re-grading:
Students who wish to contest a grade for an assignment or exam must do so in writing (by email) providing the reasoning behind their challenge to the grade received within two weeks of the day on which the assignments are returned. The TA who graded the assignment will re-grade your assignment, and may raise or lower the grade. If you are still unsatisfied after the re-assessment, you can re-submit the assignment to me (original copy with TA comments), along with your justification. I will then re-evaluate the paper, but also reserve the right to raise or lower the grade. Please also see this PSSA document.

Miscellaneous Reminders
A. For Student Support, Consult the document on student resources.
B. McGill University values academic integrity. Therefore, all students must understand the meaning and consequences of cheating, plagiarism and other academic offences under the Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures.
C. In accord with McGill University Charter of Students’ Rights, students in this course have the right to submit in English or in French any written work that is to be graded.
D. If you have a disability please contact the instructor to arrange a time to discuss your situation. It would be helpful if you contact the Office for Students with Disabilities at 514-398-6009 before you do this.

E. McGill has policies on sustainability, paper use and other initiatives to promote a culture of sustainability at McGill.

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**TOPIC I: Actors and Institutions in Foreign Policymaking**

**Week 1:**

1. Introduction of the Course

2. Decision-making Bodies

**Week 2:**

3. Leadership and Elites

4. The Public

**Week 3:**

5. The Media

6. The Military
TOPIC II. Foreign Policy Decision making

Week 4:

1. Nuclear Weapons

2. National Security

Week 5:

3. Territorial Concerns: South China Sea

4. Territorial Concerns: Diaoyu/Senkaku Islands

Week 6:

5. Taiwan: Conflict

6. In-Class Midterm

Week 7:

7. Trade and Foreign Policy (1)
- Flores-Macias, Gustavo A. and Sarah E. Kreps. 2013. The Foreign Policy Consequences of


8. Trade and Foreign Policy (2)


Week 8:

9. Norm & Identity (1)


10. Norm and Identity (2)


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**TOPIC III: Country-Specific Cases**

Week 9:

1. China and the USSR/Russia


2. China and the United States


Week 10:

3. China and North Korea


4. China and Canada

**Topic IV: China and Globalization**

**Week 11:**

1. China’s Rise (1)

2. China’s Rise (2)

**Week 12:**

3. China and Globalization

4. China and Global Governance
- Scott L. Kastner, Margaret M. Pearson, and Chad Rector, “Invest, Hold-up, or Accept? China

**Week 13:**

**5. China’s Global Influence**

**6. China and International Regimes**