**Power and Politics in Contemporary China:**

**Political Changes in the Reform Era**

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**Course Description**

This seminar examines central aspects and significant results of China’s political reforms in the reform era. Special attention will be paid to such topics as the changing structure and operation of China's political system, changes of elite politics and leadership, shifting central-local relations, emerging entrepreneur class and its political implications, changes of state- society relations, and prospect for China's democratization. This course is designed for students who have already acquired some background knowledge of China and its reforms. Each student is expected to complete weekly readings, participate in presentation and class discussion, and write a research term paper. **Korean will be the main medium of communications for this course.**

**Evaluation:** Class presentation and weekly reports (20%) and take-home examination (80%)

**1. Introduction**

**2. The Structure of China's Political System**

**\* Required Readings**

\*Kenneth Lieberthal, *Governing China: From Revolution through Reform* (Second Edition) (New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 2004), pp. 171-205

\*Michel Oksenberg, "China's Political System: Challenges of the Twenty-first Century," *China Journal*, No. 45 (January 2001), pp. 21-35

**3. Elite Politics in the Jiang Zemin and Hu Jintao Era**

\*Alice L. Miller, “Institutionalization and the Changing Dynamics of Chinese Leadership Politics,” in Cheng Li (ed.), *China’s Changing Political Landscape: Prospects for Democracy* (Washington D.C.: Brookings Institution Press, 2008), pp. 61-79

\*Young Nam Cho, “Elite Politics and the 17th Party Congress in China: Changing Norms amid Continuing Questions,” *Korean Journal of Defense Analysis*, Vol. 20, No. 2 (June 2008), pp. 155-168

**4. Changes of Elites: From Revolutionary Cadres to Technocrats and Others**

\*Cheng Li, *China's Leaders: The New Generation* (Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2001), pp. 25-50

\*Cheng Li and Lynn White, “The Sixteenth Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party: Emerging Patterns of Power Sharing,” in Lowell Dittmer and Guoli Liu (eds.), *China’s Deep Reform: Domestic Politics in Transition* (Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2006), pp. 81-118

**5. Changing Relations between Central and Local Governments: Implementation of Decentralization Policies**

\*Jae Ho Chung, “Reappraising Central-Local Relations in Deng’s China: Decentralization, Dilemmas of Control, and Diluted Effects of Reform,” in Chien-min Chao and Bruce J. Dickson (eds.), *Remaking the Chinese State: Strategies, Society, and Security* (London: Routledge, 2001), pp. 46-75

\*Dali L. Yang, *Remaking the Chinese Leviathan: Market Transformation and the Politics of Governance in China* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2004), pp. 65-109

**7. Take-home Examination**

**8. Legislative Reforms: The Strengthened Roles of Chinese People’s Congresses**

\*Young Nam Cho, "From Rubber Stamps to Iron Stamps: The Emergence of Chinese Local Peoples Congresses as Supervisory Powerhouse," *China Quarterly,* No. 171 (September 2002), pp.724-740

\*Young Nam Cho, "The Politics of Lawmaking in Chinese Local People's Congresses," *China Quarterly*, No. 187 (September 2006), pp. 592-609

\*Young Nam Cho, "Symbiotic Neighbour or Extra-Court Judge? The Supervision over Courts by Chinese Local People's Congresses," *China Quarterly*, No. 176 (December 2003), pp. 1068-1083

**9. Political Participation and Election Reforms in the Reform Era**

\*Tianjian Shi, “Mass Political Behavior in Beijing," in Merle Goldman and Roderick MacFarquhar (eds.), *The Paradox of China's Post-Mao Reforms* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1999), pp. 145-169

\*Lianjiang Li, “The Politics of Introducing Direct Township Elections in China,” *China Quarterly*, No.171 (September 2002), pp. 704-723

**10. Basic-level Democracy: Village Committees in Rural Areas**

\*Kevin O'Brien and Lianjiang Li, "Accommodating "Democracy" in a One-Party State: Introducing Village Election in China," *China Quarterly* 162 (June 2000), pp. 465-489

\*Lily L. Tsai, “The Struggles for Village Public Goods Provision: Informal Institutions of Accountability in Rural China,” in Elizabeth J. Perry and Merle Goldman (eds.), *Grassroots Political Reform in Contemporary China* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2006), pp.117-148

**11. Economic Development and Class Differentiation: Emergence of Private Entrepreneurs and its Political Implication**

\*Jie Chen and Bruce J. Dickson, *Allies of the State: China’s Private Entrepreneurs and Democratic Change* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2010), pp. 18-37

\*Bruce Dickson, *Wealth into Power: The Communist Party’s Embrace of China’s Private Sector* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2008), Chapters 3 and 4, pp. 66-135

**11. Changing Relations between State and Society in the Reform Era**

**\***Tony Saich, “Negotiating the State: The Development of Social Organizations in China,” *China Quarterly*, No. 161 (March 2000), pp. 124-141

**\***Guobin Yang, “Environmental NGOs and Institutional Dynamics in China,” *China Quarterly* 181 (March 2005), pp. 46-66

\*Young Nam Cho, *Local People’s Congresses in China: Development and Transition* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009), Chapter 6, pp. 113-142

**12. Popular Protests and Resistance**

\*Minxin Pei, "Rights and Resistance: The Changing Context of the Dissident Movement,” in Elizabeth J. Perry and Mark Selden (eds.), *Chinese Society: Change, Conflict and Resistance* (Third Edition) (London: Routledge, 2010), pp. 31-56

\*Lianjiang Li and Kevin J. O’Brien, “Protest Leadership in Rural China,” *China Quarterly* Vol. 193 (March 2008), pp. 1-23

**13. Emergence and Development of Nationalism in the Reform Era**

\*Suisheng Zhao, "Chinese Intellectuals' Quest for National Greatness and Nationalistic Writing in the 1990s," *China Quarterly* 152 (December 1997), pp. 725-745

\*Yongnian Zheng, *Discovering Chinese Nationalism in China: Modernization, Identity, and International Relations* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999), pp. 87-110

**14. Assessment of Past Political Reforms and Prospect for Future Change**

\*Young Nam Cho, “Democracy with Chinese Characteristics? A Critical Review from a Developmental State Perspective,” *Issues & Studies*, Vol. 45, No. 3 (December 2009), pp. 71-106

\*Chu Yun-han, “Taiwan and China’s Democratic Future: Can the Tail Wag the Dog?” in Cheng Li (ed.), *China’s Changing Political Landscape: Prospects for Democracy* (Washington D.C.: Brookings Institution Press, 2008), pp. 302-322

\*Cheng Li, "The End of the CCP's Resilient Authoritarianism? A Tripartite Assessment of Shifting Power in China," *China Quarterly* No. 211 (September 2012), pp. 595-623

**15. Take-home Examination**