

Vesalius College

Course description

Course title: Chinese Foreign Policy and External Relations

Course code: POL319E

Teacher responsible: Prof. Dr. J. Men

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This course is country-specific. It is devoted to an analysis of Chinese foreign policy and a study of Chinese external relations. It is divided into two parts. The first part is to guide the students find the elements affecting Chinese foreign policy, and to examine the role of these elements in the making of Chinese foreign policy.

For the first part of the course, the students need to study:

- The historical and cultural impact on the making of Chinese foreign policy;
- The ideological impact on the making of Chinese foreign policy;
- Military modernisation and its impact on the making of Chinese foreign policy;
- Economic development and its impact on the making of Chinese foreign policy;
- The influence of the leadership and the decision-making structure on the making of Chinese foreign policy;
- Changing external environment and its impact on the making of Chinese foreign policy.

The second part examines the bilateral and multilateral relations between China and the other countries and regions, which gives an overall picture of the development of Chinese external relations.

For the second part of the course, the students need to study:

- China-US relations;
- China-EU relations;
- China-Russia relations;
- China and Northeast Asia relations;
- China-India relations;
- China-Africa relations.

Course objectives:

The aim of the course is to instruct the students to study:

- How Chinese foreign policy is made;
- The continuities and changes in Chinese foreign policy since the founding of the People's Republic of China;
- The evolution of China's relations with the rest of the world;
- The rationale behind the evolution of Chinese external relations.

In the mean time, the students need to develop:

- Skills of class presentation, deadline management, peer-based learning;
- Analytic and writing skills by producing a research proposal and a term paper.

Grade weighting scheme:

- (1) term paper = 30%
- (2) presentation = 10%
- (3) midterm exam = 20%
- (4) final exam = 30%

Course material:

Book:

Johnston, Alastair Iain and Robert S. Ross (eds.) (2006). *New Directions in the Study of China's Foreign Policy*, Stanford University Press. ISBN 0804753628.

Reading materials:

- Yongjin Zhang, "System, Empire and State in Chinese International Relations," *Review of International Studies*, Vol. 27, 2001, pp. 43-63.
- Jing Men, "Changing Ideology in China and Its Impact on Chinese Foreign Policy," in Sujian Guo and Shiping Hua (eds.), *New Dimensions of Chinese Foreign Policy* (New York: Lexington-Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2007), pp. 7-39.
- Arthur Waldron, "The rise of China: Military and Political Implications," *Review of International Studies*, Vol. 31, Issue 4, October 2005, pp. 715-733.
- Gregory C. Chow, "Globalisation and China's Economic Development," *Pacific Economic Review*, Volume 11, Issue 3, Oct 2006, pp. 271-285.
- Lu Ning, "The Central Leadership, Supraministry Coordinating Bodies, State Council Ministries, and Party Departments," in David M. Lampton (ed.), *The Making of Chinese Foreign and Security Policy in the Era of Reform, 1978-2000*, Stanford, California: Stanford University Press, 2001, pp. 39-60.
- Chih-Yu Shih, "Breeding a Reluctant Dragon: Can China Rise into Partnership and Away from Antagonism?" *Review of International Studies*, Vol. 31, Issue 4 (Oct. 2005), pp. 755-774.
- Jing Men, "The EU-China Strategic Partnership: Achievements and Challenges," *European Policy Paper Series*, No. 12 (November 2007), European Studies Center.
- Bobo Lo, "The Long Sunset of Strategic Partnership: Russia's Evolving China Policy," *International Affairs*, Vol. 80, Issue 2 (Mar 2004), pp. 295-309.
- Mike M. Mochizuki, "China-Japan Relations: Downward Spiral or a New

Equilibrium?” in David Shambaugh (ed.) *Power Shift : China and Asia’s New Dynamics* (University of California Press, 2006), pp. 135-150.

- Jae Ho Chung, “China's Ascendancy and the Korean Peninsula: From Interest Reevaluation to Strategic Realignment?” in David Shambaugh (ed.) *Power Shift : China and Asia’s New Dynamics* (University of California Press, 2006), pp. 151-169.
- Abanti Bhattacharya, “Revisiting *China’s* Peaceful Rise: Implications for India,” *East Asia*, Vol. 22, Issue 4 (Winter2005), pp. 59-80.
- Denis M. Tull, “China’s Engagement in *Africa*: Scope, Significance and Consequences,” *Journal of Modern African Studies*, Vol. 44, Issue 3 (Sept. 2006), pp. 459-479.