

GOV 2540/ASNS 2061: US-CHINA RELATIONS

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Class Time and Location: Tuesday and Thursday 11:30-12:55. Adams 406.

Final Exam: Dec 18, 9AM

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Course Description

Examines the development of US relations with China. We begin with a brief historical examination of the Opium War. We then examine US policy towards the Nationalists and the Communists during the Chinese Civil War. In the aftermath of the civil war and subsequent revolution we discuss the role of China in the Cold War. The second half of the course focuses on more contemporary issues in US-China relations. Here we draw links between the domestic politics of both countries and how they influence the formulation of foreign policy. The course also examines China's relations with other East Asian countries. Contemporary issues addressed in the course include human rights, trade, the Taiwanese independence movement, nationalism, and China's growing economic influence in the world.

Expectations

I expect students above all to be actively involved in the learning process. This means several things. First, I expect students to attend all classes. Second, I expect students to be active in classroom discussions. Third, I expect students to have read all of the readings listed on the syllabus assigned for each class *before* coming to class. Our classroom discussions will be centered around the readings as well as the lectures. This means that doing the readings in advance is critical to your ability to participate. Fourth, I expect students to be respectful of one another's opinions and to conduct discussions in a friendly manner.

Readings

The readings can be found on Blackboard.

Grading

Students will be graded on the basis of their participation, papers, a mid-term and a final exam. The first paper will be a policy paper in which students will analyze authentic US government reports on the Sino-Soviet split in the 1960s and argue in favor of a policy to adopt. The second set of papers will be policy papers that are part of the National Security Council simulation. The mid-term and final exams will test students on their understanding of the readings and lectures.

15% Participation

15% Sino-Soviet Split Policy Paper

- 25% Mid-term
- 20% Simulation Participation and Policy Papers
- 25% Final Exam

Laptop Policy

Students should not use laptops or tablets during class unless they have an accommodation.

Accommodations

Students that need special accommodations should notify me at the beginning of the term so that I can prepare reasonable accommodations for them. In order to receive these accommodations the students should follow the procedures set forth by the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs.

Honor Code

All students are required to abide by the Bowdoin Academic Honor Code. Academic dishonesty is something I take very seriously and will treat in accordance with the Code. According to the Honor Code, “Academic Dishonesty” includes but is not limited to (1) the receiving, giving, or using of any unauthorized assistance on quizzes, tests, written assignments, examinations or laboratory assignments; (2) references to sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in preparing papers, constructing reports, solving problems or carrying out other academic assignments; (3) inadequate citation of sources; (4) acquisition, without permission, of tests, computer files or similar material which would give the student an unfair advantage on an assignment or examination; (5) submission of academic work not a student’s own original effort; (6) use of the same work for multiple courses without prior knowledge of the receiving instructors; (7) depriving learners of access, including computer access, to library information through intentional monopolization, mutilation, defacing, unauthorized removal of books or other materials from College libraries, or purposeful failure to return library materials on a timely basis; (8) unauthorized altering of academic records (transcripts, grading sheets, Course Registration Cards, etc.); (9) fabrication of research data.

Readings by date

Each reading should be completed BEFORE class on the dates indicated, as we will be discussing these readings in class. Students should PRINT OUT READINGS AND BRING THEM TO CLASS. This will facilitate classroom discussion based on the readings.

Date	#	Readings
		Part 1: US-China Relations in Historical Context
Thursday August 31	01	Intro Session
Tuesday September 5	02	The Tribute System in Imperial China Kang – “Hierarchy in Asian International Relations” (2005) <i>Asian Security</i> , Vol 1, No. 1. Wang – “The Ming Tribute System” in <i>Harmony and War</i>

Thursday September 7	03	From the Opium War to World War II Hunt – “Rise of the Open Door Constituency” in <i>The Making of a Special Relationship</i> Cohen – “China as an Abstraction” in <i>America’s Response to China</i>
Tuesday September 12	04	The Korean War Christiansen - "The Real Lost Chance in China" in <i>Useful Adversaries</i>
Thursday September 14	05	The Sino-Soviet Split Jian – “Demise of Sino-Soviet Alliance” in <i>Mao’s China and the Cold War</i> Luthi – “Krushchev's fall and the Collapse of Party Relations” in <i>The Sino-Soviet Split</i>
Tuesday September 19	06	Rapprochement Jian – “Sino-American Rapprochement” in <i>Mao’s China and the Cold War (Partial: 238-249)</i> Christiansen – “From Escalation in Vietnam to Sino-American Rapprochement” in <i>Worse than a Monolith</i> POLICY PAPER DUE
Thursday September 21	07	Tiananmen Zhao - “Beijing’s Perception of the International System...After Tiananmen”; Sutter – “Tiananmen, Taiwan, and Post-Cold War Realities” in <i>US-Chinese Relations</i>
		Part 2: Policymaking and the Post-Cold War Era
Tuesday September 26	08	The Chinese Policymaking Process Liao – “Foreign Policy-Making in China” in <i>Chinese Foreign Policy Think Tanks and China’s Policy Towards Japan</i> Nathan and Scobell – “Who Runs Chinese Foreign Policy?” in <i>China’s Search for Security</i>
Thursday September 28	09	The American Policymaking Process in the 1990s Bernstein and Munro – “The New China Lobby” in <i>The Coming Conflict with China</i> Sutter – “The US Congress” in Myers, Oksenberg and Shambaugh’s <i>Making China Policy</i>
Tuesday October 3	10	Sino-US Relations in the 1990s Pearson – “Case of GATT/WTO” in Lampton’s <i>The Making of Chinese Foreign and Security Policy</i> He – “The Embassy Bombing Incident and the EP-3 midair collision” in <i>China’s Crisis Behavior</i>
Thursday October 5	11	Economic Relations in the 2000s Economy and Levi – “China Goes Out” in <i>By All Means Necessary</i> Steinfeld – “Taking Industry Global” in <i>Playing Our Game</i>
Thursday October 12	12	The Obama Years Christiansen – “China’s Offensive Diplomacy Since the Financial Crisis, 2009-2014” in <i>The China Challenge</i> Ross – “The Problem with the Pivot” <i>Foreign Affairs</i> , Vol. 91, No. 6, (2012), p. 70-82.
Tuesday October 17	13	MID-TERM EXAM

		Part 3: The Regional Context of US-China Relations
Thursday October 19	14	Regional Politics Lampton - "China and its neighbors" in <i>The Three Faces of Chinese Power</i> Gill - "China's Evolving Regional Security Strategy" in Shambaugh's <i>Power Shift</i> SIMULATION ROLES ASSIGNED
Tuesday October 24	15	Taiwan Rigger – “Taiwan in US-China Relations” in Shambaugh’s <i>Tangled Titans</i> Wu – "Taiwan's domestic politics and Cross-Strait Relations" <i>China Journal</i> , No 53 (2005)
Thursday October 26	16	Nationalism in Sino-Japanese Relations Reilly – “Origins of Public Mobilization” from <i>Strong State, Smart Society</i> Smith – “Diplomacy and Domestic Interests” in <i>Intimate Rivals: Japanese Domestic Politics and a Rising China</i> (Columbia University Press, 2015).
Monday October 30		LECTURE BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EAST ASIA SUSAN THORNTON, 7:30 PM, KRESGE HALL
Tuesday October 31	17	Nationalism in Sino-Japanese Relations Gries, Steiger and Wang – “Popular Nationalism and China’s Japan Policy: The Diaoyu Islands Protests” <i>Journal of Contemporary China</i> Vol. 25, no. 98, p. 264-276 Chen Weiss – “The 2012 Anti-Japan Protests and the Diaoyu/Senkaku Islands Crisis” in <i>Powerful Patriots</i> CLASSROOM VISIT BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EAST ASIA SUSAN THORNTON
Thursday November 2	18	SIMULATION: DISPUTE IN THE EAST CHINA SEA POLICY PAPER DUE BEFORE CLASS (ABSOLUTELY NO LATE WORK ACCEPTED! ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY ON THESE DAYS)
Tuesday November 7	19	SIMULATION: DISPUTE IN THE EAST CHINA SEA
Thursday November 9	20	North Korea Swaine – “China's North Korea Dilemma” <i>China Leadership Monitor</i> , No. 30 (2009) Song – “Understanding China’s Response to North Korea’s Provocations” <i>Asian Survey</i> , Vol. 51, No. 6 (2011) p. 1134-1155 SIMULATION WRAP UP PAPER DUE
Tuesday November 14	21	Southeast Asia Kang - "Southeast Asia: Accommodating China's Rise" in <i>China Rising</i> Fravel – “Offshore Island Disputes” in <i>Strong Borders, Secure Nation</i>
		Part 4: Security Issues in US-China Relations
Thursday November 16	22	Military Rivalry Lampton - "Might" in <i>The Three Faces of Chinese Power</i> Nathan and Scobell – “Military Modernization” in <i>China’s Search for Security</i>
Tuesday November 21	23	The Chinese Navy Ross – “China’s Naval Nationalism” <i>International Security</i> Vol. 34, No. 2. (2009) Fravel – “Regime Insecurity and International Cooperation” <i>International Security</i> , Vol. 30, No. 2, (2005) p. 46-83
Tuesday November 28	24	Soft Power Halper - "The Competitive Edge" in <i>The Beijing Consensus</i> Kurlantzick - "America's Soft Power Goes Soft" in <i>Charm Offensive</i>

Thursday November 30	25	Democratization Mann – “The Starbucks Fallacy” in <i>The China Fantasy</i> Johnston – “Chinese Middle Class Attitudes Towards International Affairs: Nascent Liberalization?” <i>China Quarterly</i> , No 179, (Sept 2004), p. 603-628.
Tuesday December 5	26	The China Threat Mearsheimer – “China's Unpeaceful Rise” <i>Current History</i> , (2006) April, Subramanian – “The Inevitable Superpower” <i>Foreign Affairs</i> August 19, 2011 Allison – “The Thucydides Trap: Are the US and China Headed for War?” <i>The Atlantic</i> September 24, 2015.
Thursday December 7	27	The Peaceful Rise Kang – “Why China's Rise will be Peaceful” <i>Perspectives on Politics</i> (2005), Vol. 3. No. 3 p. 551-554 Christiansen – “Why Chinese Power Will Not Surpass U.S. Power Anytime Soon” in <i>The China Challenge</i>
December 18		FINAL EXAM AT 9 AM