POLS 305: COMPARATIVE GLOBAL POLITICS (95288, 3 Credits)

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COURSE OBJECTIVE: To provide students with a basic understanding of revolutionary and evolutionary change in government structures and policies, political responses to crisis, impacts of globalization on domestic policies, demographic politics, energy politics, Arab-Israeli conflict, the problem of North Korea, and the expected internal effects of China’s rise as a world power. As a conceptual frame of reference, we will compare liberal and illiberal systems. The interplay of politics and economics will be a focus of this course. Our emphasis will be on a country’s internal governance, and relationships with close neighbors, rather than evaluation of its conduct of overall foreign policy.

No textbook is assigned for this course. Readings are articles, and selected chapters from a variety of books. All readings are posted on laulima. Please consult with us if you are having trouble navigating through laulima, or finding the readings for the classes.

Course Grading: Grades will be based on your performance in the following areas:

TAKE HOME EXAMS: Take home midterm and take home final will be worth up to 30 points each on your final grade. These will be distributed on a Tuesday (see course outline for dates) and will be collected the following Tuesday. Questions will be based on the readings and class presentations. You may refer to the readings, to your notes, and to any other independent readings you may consider relevant. You may work in groups, but you are responsible for submitting your own paper, which may reflect group work, your work, or a combination of both.

WEEKLY REFLECTION POSTINGS: Each week (except the final sixteenth week), you will be expected to post an observation to laulima about some aspect you choose of the readings or class material of that week. You must post to the thread created for that week: “Week X Reflections Posting” thread. Ideally, the thread will end up reflecting some interesting conversations among you and your classmates. Meritorious participation will earn you one point each week. You may post at any time during the week. The weekly postings are due by end of day on Sunday at the close of the week. Postings after that for that week will not be credited.

PRE-CLASS READING ASSIGNMENT POSTING: Each student is responsible for selecting one reading (if from a book, one chapter), and posting a summary and analysis to laulima, identified by the reading title. The summary should be approximately 500 words. The analysis should state your supported opinion of the material in approximately 300 words.
THE POSTING IS DUE ON LAULIMA ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE WEEK THE READING IS ASSIGNED IN CLASS. You may select a reading assigned for classes meeting between 3/1 and 3/10/17. We will establish an assignment list at our third class meeting. The PCRA is worth 10 points on your final grade.

ATTENDANCE: It is important that you attend class to benefit from the discussions and the material. Each student is responsible for signing the class sign up sheet before leaving each class. Good attendance is worth 10 points on your final grade. One point will be subtracted for every absence beyond three. Habitual good attendance is an easy 10 points on your grade.

CLASS PARTICIPATION: We want to know what you think about the materials assigned, and see some debate among your classmates. Speaking up regularly in class can earn you up to 5 points on your final grade.

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Along with the 100 maximum points above, there will also be extra-credit opportunities announced by Professor Zhou over the course of the semester.

OBJECTIVES AND STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Students can demonstrate a basic understanding of contemporary political economy
   i. Demonstrate an understanding of major issues in selected countries
   ii. Be able to discuss key issues in global politics
   iii. Be able to explain the impacts of the global forces and international critiques
2. Students can demonstrate an understanding of the key literature and issues on economics and politics in selected countries and regimes.
   i. Demonstrate recognition of key literatures, views and debates on global politics
   ii. Be able to develop a critical understanding on key issues
3. Students can develop an in-depth understanding of a selected topic in global politics.
   i. Demonstrate the ability to develop a set of relevant literature on the selected topic.
   ii. Be able to analyze the selected topic with appropriate method.
   iii. Be able to develop a scholarly understanding and argument on the selected topic.
4. Students can develop writing skills in recording, presenting, and analyzing:
   i. visual images
   ii. written materials
   iii. individual understanding and perception.

COURSE OUTLINE:

MODULE ONE: COMPARATIVE REVOLUTIONS

Week One:

Readings:

R.J. Rummel: American vs. French Revolution

Steve Kreis: The History Guide, Lectures 5-7


Jennifer Cucchise: The Causes and Effects of the Chinese Civil War (pgs. 40-71)

Lesson 1: Course Introduction

Lesson 2: Concepts as Applied to US/French Revolutions

Lesson 3: Russian and Chinese Revolutions

Sight Visit: Shanghai Jewish Center During the WWII.
Week One Reflections Postings due no later than midnight Sunday. Late postings will not be credited.

Week Two: Readings: Hasanen & Naruzzaman: The New Egypt

    Pew Foundation: The World’s Muslims: Executive Summary, Overview, &
    Chapter 4—Women in Society

Guest Speaker: Council Representatives from the Middle East
Lesson 4-5: Cambodia—“The Crimes of Comrade Duch”
Field Trip: Puyang, Henan by train 3 hours
Lesson 6: Democracy, and Islam#

Week Two Reflections Postings due no later than midnight Sunday. Late postings will not be credited.

Guest Speaker: Prof. Hu Jingbei, Tongji University

Week Three: Readings:
    Brafman & Beckstrom: Starfish and the Spider (Chapters 2, 4, and 9)

Guest Speaker: Prof. Mao Yongshou, Renmin University, Beijing.
Lesson 7: Revolutions of the Future? Unorganized Power & Networks*
Visit the first market city, Wenzhou (weekend overnight train to Wenzhou)
Lesson 8: Film: Sir John Daniel—Higher Education Doesn’t Do Revolution
Lesson 9: Guest Speaker, Shirley Ma, the director of Shanghai Management Institute

Week Three Reflections Postings due no later than midnight Sunday. Late postings will not be credited.

MODULE TWO: LIBERALISM AND ILLIBERALISM

Week Four:
Readings:
    Brian Tamanaha: On the Rule of Law (Chapters 3, 5, 9)

    Reviews of Hillsdale College Constitution 101
Lesson 10: Rule of Law#

Lesson 11: U.S. Founding vs. Progressivism/Modern Liberalism

Lesson 12: Film: Sackett v. EPA—How One Couple’s Battle Against the Feds Might Protect Your Land

Week Four Reflections Postings due no later than midnight Sunday. Late postings will not be credited.

Week Five:

Readings:

Friedrich Hayek: The Fatal Conceit (Chapters 2, 5)

The Road to Serfdom (Chapters 4, 5)

Hernando de Soto: Mystery of Capitalism in the Third World (Chapters 1, 3, 7)


John Stossel - Will The Shutdown Harm The Economy?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_0eYb9eX9iA

Guest Speaker: Prof. Feng Xinyuan, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Lesson 14: How Property Documentation Functions as a People’s Source of Capital*

Lesson 15: Film: Milton Friedman—The Escape From Collectivism

Week Five Reflections Postings due no later than midnight Sunday. Late postings will not be credited.

Week Six: Readings:

Steven Rosenfield: Stalinism in Post Communist Perspective

Yang Jisheng: Tombstone—The Great Chinese Famine (Chapters 11, 12, 14)

Lesson 16: Stalinism in the 1930’s

Lesson 17: Maoism: Great Leap Forward & Cultural Revolution: Governing by Campaign

Lesson 18: Film: China Under Mao—The Cultural Revolution
Visit to Mao’s hometown: Shaoshang, Hunan (weekend train ride 4 hours)

Week Six Reflections Postings due no later than midnight Sunday. Late postings will not be credited.

Week Seven: Readings:

   Janos Kornoi: Market Socialism Revisited
   Roger Boshier and Yan Huang, Market Socialism Meets the Lost Generation: Motivational Orientations of Adult Learners in Shanghai.
   Michael Boskin: Picking Losers, Killing Winners

Lesson 18: Market Socialism

Guest Speaker: Xia Ming, Hubei University

Lesson 19: Japanese Industrial Policy*

Japanese Consul in Shanghai

Lesson 20: Film: Pop! Goes the Bubble! The Japanese Economy

Week Seven Reflections Postings due no later than midnight Sunday. Late postings will not be credited.

DISTRIBUTE TAKE HOME MIDTERM

MODULE THREE: ECONOMIC CRISIS & POLITICAL RESPONSE

Week Eight:

Readings:

   Roger Myerson: Political Economics and the Weimar Disaster
   Calvin Hoover: Dictator’s March
   William Niskanen: Reaganomics
   Douglas McWilliams: Thatcherism-20 Years On

Lesson 21: Post WWI Germany and Rise of National Socialism

Consul General of Germany in Shanghai will be invited to give a talk.

Lesson 22: Thatcher and Reagan
Consul General of the Great Britain in Shanghai

Lesson 23: 2008 U.S. Financial Crisis

Week Eight Reflections Postings due no later than midnight Sunday. Late postings will not be credited.

MODULE FOUR: POLITICAL/ECONOMIC TRANSITIONS

Week Nine: Readings:

Zhou & Gregory: Why China Won & Russia Lost

Zhou & Zierak: Two Models of Economic Development in China

Lesson 24: Russia vs. China: Reform from Below and Above

Guest speaker: Prof. Shen Datong, East China University

Lesson 25: Chinese Capitalisms

Guest speaker: Simon Wong, Taiwanese Business Man in Shanghai

Lesson 26: Guest Speaker, Zhang Ce, Managing Partner of China Bank

Week Nine Reflections Postings due no later than midnight Sunday. Late postings will not be credited.

Week Ten: Readings:

Susan Nello: The European Union (Chapters 2, 10)

Guest Speaker, Barry Chen, Partner of Global Investment Cooperation

Lesson 27: The European Union#

Lesson 28: Monetary Union and Its Discontents#

Guest Speaker, European Union Representative in Shanghai

Lesson 29: Film: The European Debt Crisis Visualized

Week Ten Reflections Postings due no later than midnight Sunday. Late postings will not be credited.

Guest Speaker: Consul of Spain in Shanghai

Week Eleven: Readings:
Milada Vachudova: Europe Undivided (Introduction, Chapters 1, 2, 4)

Lesson 30: Eastern Europe After 1989

Guest Speaker: Prof. Ren Xiao, Fudan University


Guest Speaker, Prof. Shen Gengling, Director of Center for American Studies, Fudan University.

Week Eleven Reflections Postings due no later than midnight Sunday. Late postings will not be credited.

MODULE FIVE: CRONY CAPITALISM

Week Twelve: Readings: Peter Schweizer: Throw Them All Out (Chapters 2, 5, 9, 10)

Lesson 32: Film: Capitalism and Management’s Core Responsibilities

Lesson 33: U.S. Crony Capitalism

Lesson two: Panel on Chinese Crony Capitalism

Guest speakers: Yang Hua, Shirley Ma and Chen Jie and Chen Chaoyao

Week Twelve Reflections Postings due no later than midnight Sunday. Late postings will not be credited.

MODULE SIX: CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL ISSUES

Week Thirteen: Readings:

Susan Hainsworth: Sovereignty, Economic Integration, & WTO

Barry Rubin: Israeli-Palestinian Negotiating Positions

IEA: World Energy Outlook

Bill Kovarik: Oil Reserve Fallacy

Joanne Nova: The Skeptic’s Hand Book

Lesson 34: WTO & Economic Integration*

Guest speaker: Mei Hong, Researcher for the World Bank and Asian Development Bank
Lesson 35: The Impossible Negotiation

Lesson 36: Energy & Global Warming

Week Thirteen Reflections Postings are due no later than midnight Sunday. Late postings will not be credited.

Week Fourteen: Readings: Ben Wattenberg: Fewer (Chapters 1, 13)
George Magnus: The Age of Aging (Chapter 4)

Guest speaker: Zhang Li, SHANGHAI COMING TO GRIP WITH ITS AGING POPULATION PROBLEMS

Lesson 37: The New Demographics

Week Fourteen Reflections Postings are due no later than midnight Sunday. Late postings will not be credited.

DISTRIBUTE TAKE HOME FINAL

MODULE SEVEN: NORTH KOREA, STALINIST RELIC


Guest speaker: Consul General of Korea in Shanghai

Lesson 38: Hyper-Stalinist Governance

Lesson 39: Survival Problems & Strategies

Guest speaker: Deng Zhonghua: Director of Chinese Marian Security

Filed Trip to Beijing (Five train 5 hours to Beijing)

Lesson 40: Film: North Korea Documentary—The Defectors

Week Fifteen Reflections Postings are due no later than midnight Sunday. Late postings will not be credited.

MODULE EIGHT: CHINA AS A RISING POWER


Martin Jacques: The Eight Differences That Define China

Lesson 41: China’s Military & Foreign Policy Goals
Guest speaker: Liu Yazhou, General of PLA Defense School

Lesson 42: The Eight Differences That Will Define A Rising China