Chinese Foreign Policy
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Course Description:
As John King Fairbank has stated in the preface to the original edition of *China: A New History*, since the 1970s, as part of the modernization defining the current phase of the great Chinese revolution, China has been emerging as a more diverse and dynamic place. For the outsiders and the Chinese themselves, it is important to understand the real meaning of “China’s rise as a great power” before we could raise up other important questions such as how that power might be used in its relations with other states. By taking a fresh, newly informed look at Communist China’s history and today, this graduate seminar examines the main theoretical and methodological approaches to the study of Chinese foreign policy. Discussion will focus on how various topics in Chinese foreign policy are studied, how they could be researched more effectively, and how they can be integrated into the broader field of international relations.

The seminar will raise many questions, but few may be answered decisively. Students will be expected to read widely and wrestle with concepts, not just accumulate facts. Students must complete all the assignments for each session and participate intelligently in the class discussions. Class meetings will emphasize discussion, not lectures. A high portion of the total grade will come from participation which should not be taken-for-granted.

Prerequisites:
It is recommended that students have background knowledge of China and international relations.

General Readings:


**Grade Distribution**

Participation, 40%;

Seminar Assessment, 60%;

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**Week 1**

**Day 1**

**Lecture 1: Introduction**

Brief overview of the course, explanation of the aims of the course and its objectives, main topics covered by the lectures, sources and methodology. Introduction to studies of China's foreign and security policies in the US, and new directions in the study of China's foreign policy: theories and methodologies.


Day 2
- the founding of Communist China and formation of her foreign strategies and relations, an introduction with a case study of Sino-Soviet Alliance and China's involvement in to the Korean War
  ● Chen, Jian. *Mao's China and the Cold War*, relevant chapters
  ● ---, *China's Road to the Korean War* (New York: Columbia UP, 1994), pp. 125-189
  ● Allen Whiting, *China Crosses the Yalu: The Decision to Enter the Korean War* (Stanford: Stanford UP, 1960)

Day 3
  ● Steven Goldstein, “Nationalism and Internationalism: Sino-Soviet Relations,” in Thomas and Shambough eds. book as listed in general reading part
  ● Chen, Jian. *Mao's China and the Cold War*, relevant chapters
  ● Peter Van Ness, *Revolution and Chinese Foreign Policy: Peking’s Support of Wars of National Liberation* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1970): intro; Part 1, section 1; Part II, sections, 4-6; and part III, section 8
Week 2

Day 4 China in the world after Mao: Puzzles and strategic options

- Peter Gries, China’s New Nationalism: Pride, Politics, and Diplomacy (University of Berkeley Press, 2004), Chs. 1, 2, 8.

References:

- James Mann, About Face: A History of America's Curious Relationship with China, From Nixon to Clinton (N.Y.: Knopf, 1999), Chs. 1-6, 11-12, 16, 18; the other chapters are also recommended.

Day 5 Security Challenges to and from China
discussion topics: how to understand and evaluate Chinese security policies

- Thomas J. Christensen, “Posing Problems without Catching Up: China’s Rise and Challenges
Day 6 Chinese foreign policy decision-making: does it matter or not?

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Course Open Discussion: Does China Matter and why and how?


Q&A

Note: These Seminar discussion topics are preliminary, some may still be adjusted or added during term time.