

<b>Module title</b>		<b>Abbreviation</b>
Contemporary Politics A		04-CS-TCC1A-172-m01
<b>Module coordinator</b>		<b>Module offered by</b>
holder of the Chair of Contemporary Chinese Studies		Institute of East and South Asian Cultural Studies
<b>ECTS</b>	<b>Method of grading</b>	<b>Only after succ. compl. of module(s)</b>
5	numerical grade	--
<b>Duration</b>	<b>Module level</b>	<b>Other prerequisites</b>
1 semester	graduate	--
<b>Contents</b>		
<p>The far-reaching developments in the economic and societal spheres have left their marks on the party-state. They brought about complex processes of change and adaptation in the ways political power is constituted and employed. This opened up the question of limits to this adaptability and the ultimate direction it will take. Classes offered in this module pursue these questions in the form of an overview of different aspects of China's domestic politics (such as grassroots politics, elite politics or political culture) or foreign relations.</p>		
<b>Intended learning outcomes</b>		
<p>Students familiarize themselves with current political trends and developments in China. This is achieved on the basis of critical reading of primary and secondary academic sources on Chinese politics in Chinese and English. Students systematically train the critical assessment and evaluation of research findings, relevant theories and empirical methodologies in this field. Classroom discussions of texts impart debate skills while the written term paper allows for students to exercise writing an academic exposition based on properly selected sources.</p>		
<b>Courses</b> (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
S (2) Module taught in: English and Chinese		
<b>Method of assessment</b> (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
<p>a) oral examination of one candidate each (approx. 15 minutes) or  b) written examination (approx. 60 minutes)  Language of assessment: English and Chinese  creditable for bonus</p>		
<b>Allocation of places</b>		
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<b>Additional information</b>		
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<b>Workload</b>		
150 h		
<b>Teaching cycle</b>		
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<b>Referred to in LPO I</b> (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)		
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<b>Module appears in</b>		
Master's degree (1 major) Chinese Studies (2017)		