Contemporary Political Economy A

Module coordinator: holder of the Chair of Contemporary Chinese Studies
Module offered by: Institute of East and South Asian Cultural Studies

ECTS: 5
Method of grading: numerical grade
Duration: 1 semester
Module level: graduate
Other prerequisites: --

Contents

China's gradualist economic reforms led to an incremental "growing out of the plan" and transition towards the ideal of a "socialist market economy." However, parts of the state-owned industries and crucial state-economy linkages were maintained. At the same time, new forms of regulating and steering the economy had to be devised by the government to adapt to the increasingly marketized environment. These new institutions of an emerging "regulatory state" are, however, not the result of a well-coordinated and rationally planned reform strategy. On the contrary, they are an outgrowth of intensely contentious political and social processes. Classes offered in this sub-module address China's changing political economy in the form of an overview of different aspects of China's political economy in transformation (such as rural political economy, urban economic reforms, Financial sector development, economic policies and regulation).

Intended learning outcomes

Students familiarize themselves with current trends and developments in China's political economy. 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.

Courses

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Module taught in: English and Chinese

Method of assessment

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

Allocation of places

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Additional information

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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)

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Module appears in

Master's degree (1 major) Chinese Studies (2017)