

Module title		Abbreviation
Transformation in Urban and Rural Contemporary China 1		04-CS-TCC5-1-192-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Contemporary Chinese Studies		Institute of East and South Asian Cultural Studies
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
5	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--
Contents		
<p>China's society has been undergoing far-reaching transformation since the founding of the PRC, a process that has been dramatically accelerated since the beginning of the reform period. Since the early 2010s more Chinese live in cities than in the countryside, marking an important turning point in history. The process of modernization and the transition towards a post-socialist society is characterized by gradual reforms but also persistence of socialist institutions, most visible in the long-standing urban-rural dichotomy. Institutional barriers and involvement of the party-state continue to influence the process of urbanization and modernization to a great extent, and therefore also the overall makeup of society.</p>		
Intended learning outcomes		
<p>Students are systematically introduced to different aspects of the process of urbanization and modernization in China, which will allow them to better assess overall societal development in the PRC. In-depth knowledge will be gained by reading primary and secondary academic sources in English and Chinese. In-class discussion shall advance understanding and help to foster debate skills.</p>		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
<p>S (3) Module taught in: English and Chinese</p>		
Method of assessment (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>		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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Workload		
150 h		
Teaching cycle		
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)		
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Module appears in		
<p>Master's degree (1 major) Chinese Studies (2019) Master's degree (1 major) Chinese Politics and Society (2019) Master's degree (1 major) China Business and Economics (2021) Master's degree (1 major) China Language and Economy (2021) Master's degree (1 major) Chinese Politics and Society (2025) Master's degree (1 major) China Business and Economics (2025)</p>		

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