

School of International Education, UIBE

# **China's Economic and Social Developments and Problems**

## ***Syllabus***

**Instructor: *Professor Zhuang Rui*, Ph.D**

### **I. Course Description**

This course focuses on major issues of current Chinese economy and society. China has had a rapid economic growth since 1990s as a result of many reforms. With rich materials and vivid pictures, the course will touch upon China's economic reform and discuss some social problems accompany with the reform in the past three decades (1978-2008).

### **II. Course goals and outcomes**

#### **● Course goal**

The course aims to introduce students to China's economic and social developments from 1978, and discuss some problems accompany with the development. It will help students understand China and Chinese more deeply and broadly.

#### **● Learning Outcomes**

By taking the course, students will:

1. Understand why China needed economic reform from 1978 and how China reformed its economic regime in different departments.
2. Appreciate China's economic and social developments in the past three decades, including its financial system, education system and so on.
3. Comprehend China's open policy and how about china's foreign trade and FDI.
4. Know about the social reality of China, such as rural area, migrant worker and social security system.
5. Be aware of some problems China facing now----- income gap, unemployment, etc.

● **Ways to meet the goals**

- Primarily lecturing (with vivid pictures) and case study
- Compare China with some foreign countries based on the topics
- Class discussion and presentation is also necessary and helpful
- Tutorial

### **III. Class Policies**

Attendance at classes is compulsory and is recorded. Where there is a good reason for absence, please let the tutor know by phone or e-mail in advance. Failure to meet the work requirements may lead to exclusion from the course. More than two absences will result in grade reduction or failing the class.

### **IV. Course Texts**

The course without any published text book. Besides teaching notes, there are some advanced references:

1. Peter Nolan and Dong Fureng, *The Chinese Economy and its Future*
2. QiLuo, *China's Industrial Reform and Open-door Policy 1980-1997*.
3. Hung-Gay Fung, Changhong Pei, and Kevin H. Zhang, *China and the Challenge of Economic Globalization: The Impact of WTO Membership*.

## **V. Course Requirements and Grading Procedure**

- The final grade will be calculated as follows:
  - Attendance (20%)
  - Presentation and class discussion (30%)
  - Final exam ---- term paper (50%)
- The work of students is evaluated and reported in terms of the following scoring scale:  
A=92-100    A<sup>-</sup>=89-91    B<sup>+</sup>= 85-88    B=81-84    B<sup>-</sup>=77-80;  
C<sup>+</sup>= 73-76    C=70-72    C<sup>-</sup>= 60-69    F=failure (below 60)

## **VI. Academic Integrity**

- Every student should prepare his/her own term paper and be honest in team work
- Plagiarism or cheating in any form will result in failure in the course

## **VII. Weekly Work Schedule**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>Lecture 1</b>	Sep 8	<b>Economic Reform and Social Evolution</b>
<b>Lecture 2</b>	Sep 15	<b>Rural Area and Migrant Worker</b>
<b>Lecture 3</b>	Sep 22	<b>Holiday Economy</b>
<b>Lecture 4</b>	Sep 29	<b>Financial system and stock market</b>
<b>Lecture 5</b>	Oct 13	<b>Housing Reform</b>
<b>Lecture 6</b>	Oct 20	● <b>Presentation: Housing</b>
<b>Lecture 7</b>	Oct 27	<b>Employment</b>

<b>Lecture 8</b>	Nov 3	<b>Education System</b>
<b>Lecture 9</b>	Nov 10	<b>Income Gap and Middle Class</b>
<b>Lecture 10</b>	Nov 17	<b>Youth in China: Post-80s</b>
<b>Lecture 11</b>	Nov 24	<b>Foreign trade</b>
<b>Lecture 12</b>	Dec 1	<b>FDI and exchange rate</b>
<b>Lecture 13</b>	Dec 8	<b>Final exam: Term Paper</b>

- **Instructor**



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## Brief Introduction

Professor Zhuang Rui is a full-time member of the academic staff at UIBE (University of International Business and Economics). She graduated from RenMin University of China and got the Doctoral Degree of Economics in 2004. Professor Zhuang was appointed as deputy dean of IIE (Institute of International Economy of UIBE) commencing 2009. Meanwhile, she is a postgraduate supervisor.

## Professional Experience

### --- Research fields

- International economic integration
- International economic relationship
- China's trade and economy

### --- Current Teaching

- China's Economy (For Foreigner, In English)
- China's Society: Developments and Problems (For Foreigner, In English)
- International Economics (For Postgraduates, Both in English and Chinese)
- International Economic Integration ( For Postgraduates, In Chinese)

## Selection of Publications

### --- Journal Articles

1. "China-ASEAN FTA: Effects, Problems and China's Strategy", *World economy study*, April 2009, pp75-80.
2. "Participating in Regional Economic Cooperation: A Comparative Study of China and India", *Contemporary Asia-Pacific Studies*, Feb. 2007, pp44-51.
3. "Influence of the Policy about 15 kinds of fruits from Taiwan exporting to mainland with zero tariff", *Economy Forward*, August 2007.
4. "Question 'P-S' Proposition", *World economy study*, Sep. 2006.

5. "Hongkong: Find the Position in East Asia Regional Economic Cooperation", *Chinese Economy and Trade*, Feb. 2006.
6. "Take Part in Regional Economic Integration: China's latest actions, characteristics and trend", *South China Review*, May, 2006.
7. "China's Import Security Strategy in the New Period", *International trade*, June, 2006.
8. "China' strategy in East Asia Economic Cooperation", *Asia-Pacific Economy*, Aug. 2005.
9. "The impacts of Increasing Petroleum Import on Chinese Economic Security", *World economy study*, June, 2005.
10. "The Paradox of Sino-U.S.A Economic and Trade Relationship", *World economy and politics Forum*, Feb. 2003.

**--- Books**

1. "Theory and Practice of International Economic Integration", *University of international business and economics Press*, 2007.
2. "Impact: FDI on Terms of Trade in Developing Countries", *University of international business and economics Press*, 2005.
3. "Chinese economy after entry into WTO", *China City Press*, 2001.