JPA331Y0 - Rise of China as a Global Power

Professor Lynette Ong

Department of Political Science & Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy

Course Outline:

This course will take students through important domestic institutions and events in China that shape its current political landscape. Students will be prompted to think about the implications of domestic political factors for China's rise as a global power. It also examines major China's adventurism abroad, such as the Belt-and-Road Initiative, and what increasing footprints of Chinese state and private firms overseas mean for international politics.

Topics covered include:

- Deng Xiaoping Era
- Economic Reforms
- State-owned Enterprises, Private Sector Reform, and Economic Trajectory
- Fiscal Decentralization and Reform
- Internal Migration
- Elite Politics and Tiananmen Incident
- The End of Reform Era
- The Politics of Land and Urbanization
- High-Tech Ambitions, 5G Technology, and Global Competition
- Social Protests
- State Responses to Social Protests, Repression and Stability Maintenance
- Xinjiang and Muslim Uighurs
- Hong Kong protests and Taiwan's Sunflower Movement
- Global Ambitions and Belt-and-Road Initiative
- US-China Relations