

**Course Syllabus  
Special Summer Program 2020**

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| Course title  | China Today   |                   |                                   |
| Month of offering the course                        | August  | Way of teaching   | Online (Zoom)                     |
| Teaching schedule                                   | Day of the Week: Tuesday  | Time: 14:40-17:50 |                                   |
| Names of Instructor                                 | Vida Macikenaite  |                   | Total No. of Classes (90min)<br>8 |
| Course description                                  | <p>In each class, we will discuss a current topic on China and its foreign relations. As the major purpose of the course is to go through the most pressing issues at the moment, the topics might be adjusted during the course should there be significant new developments relevant to China in the country or in the world. Also, since most of the materials are from current-day media, they might be updated prior to the class. Specific questions for class discussion will be shared by email with registered participants.</p> <p>The Instructor may decide to introduce an alternative topic should the registered students suggest such and agree on it.</p> |                   |                                   |
| Texts (readily available for free should be chosen) | <p>See below for the recommended readings for the weekly topics. All the materials are available online. In cases when non-accessible, materials will be provided by the Instructor upon request.</p> <p><b>These are suggested materials for the discussion. Please review as many of them as your schedule permits or additional relevant materials you may find.</b></p>   |                   |                                   |

Remarks  
(delivery methods, pre-requisite, class outline, etc.)

The classes will be Instructor-moderated discussion, kicked off by a set of suggested questions based on the materials (and your further knowledge of the subject).

**Class outline:**

**1. Aug. 4. Chinese foreign policy in the wake of global health crisis outbreak. China's economy.**

\* Minxin Pei, "China's Coming Upheaval: Competition, the Coronavirus, and the Weakness of Xi Jinping" *Foreign Affairs*, May/June, 2020. Available from <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/united-states/2020-04-03/chinas-coming-upheaval>

\* Kurt M. Campbell and Rush Doshi, "The Coronavirus Could Reshape Global Order." *Foreign Affairs*, March 18, 2020. Available from [https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/china/2020-03-18/coronavirus-could-reshape-global-order?](https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/china/2020-03-18/coronavirus-could-reshape-global-order?utm_medium=newsletters&utm_source=summer_reads&utm_campaign=summer_reads_2020_actives&utm_content=20200712&utm_term=all-actives)

[utm\\_medium=newsletters&utm\\_source=summer\\_reads&utm\\_campaign=summer\\_reads\\_2020\\_actives&utm\\_content=20200712&utm\\_term=all-actives](https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/china/2020-03-18/coronavirus-could-reshape-global-order?utm_medium=newsletters&utm_source=summer_reads&utm_campaign=summer_reads_2020_actives&utm_content=20200712&utm_term=all-actives)

\* Kurt M. Campbell and Mira Rapp-Hooper, "China is Done Biding Its Time: The End of Beijing's Policy Restraint?" *Foreign Affairs*, July 15, 2020. Available from [https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/china/2020-07-15/china-done-biding-its-time?utm\\_medium=newsletters&utm\\_source=twofa&utm\\_campaign=China%20Is%20Done%20Biding%20Its%20Time&utm\\_content=20200717&utm\\_term=FA%20This%20Week%20-%2020112017](https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/china/2020-07-15/china-done-biding-its-time?utm_medium=newsletters&utm_source=twofa&utm_campaign=China%20Is%20Done%20Biding%20Its%20Time&utm_content=20200717&utm_term=FA%20This%20Week%20-%2020112017)

\* Jessica Chen Weiss, "China's Self-Defeating Nationalism: Brazen Diplomacy and Rhetorical Bluster Undercut Beijing's Influence." *Foreign Affairs*, July 16, 2020. Available from <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/china/2020-07-16/chinas-self-defeating-nationalism>

\* SupChina Podcast hosted by Kaiser Kuo "Why doesn't the China bubble pop? A conversation with Bloomberg's chief economist, Tom Orlik." June 26, 2020. Available from <https://supchina.com/podcast/why-doesnt-the-china-bubble-pop-a-conversation-with-bloombergs-chief-economist-tom-orlik/>

**2. Aug 11. China-India border confrontation and its broader context. 5G network worldwide and Huawei; international standard setting.**

\* (on China-India border confrontation) selected coverage from Takshashila PLA Insight, <https://us20.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=258ac083050b43234ceebe676&id=b93ef2a589>

\* (technological standard setting) "China standard-setting agenda: A conversation with Emily de La Bruyere," *China Power podcast*, June 30, 2020. Available from <https://chinapower.csis.org/podcasts/chinas-standard-setting-agenda/>

\* TBA

**3. Aug. 11. Hong Kong National Security Law. US-China relations under the pandemic – new and old at the same time.**

\* TBA from the most recent coverage

**4. Aug. 25. China's relations with the EU; EU's and European countries' changing approach to China. Crisis in China-Australia relations.**

\* TBA from the most recent coverage