

State University of New York at Binghamton
Department of Political Science
PLSC 486J 01 CHINA IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH

Spring	2013		
Days and Hours/Class	TR 8:30-9:55 am	Office	LNG 100
Classroom	Library North 2402	Office Hours	TR 1:30-3:00 pm and by Appointment
Instructor	Seifudein Adem		
Email	adems@binghamton.edu		

COURSE DESCRIPTION

China's accelerated activities in the Global South (Africa, Asia and Latin America) have recently come under greater scrutiny. In spite of this fact, or because of it, there are different, often conflicting, accounts about the nature of these activities, about their long-term consequences, and, above all, about China's intentions in the Global South and beyond. The course comparatively examines empirical evidence and critically reviews divergent perspectives which inform the burgeoning public and intellectual discourse about what China is (said to be) doing in the Global South. It also explores the wider implications of the rise of China from historical and theoretical perspectives by relating the phenomenon to the dynamics of contemporary international relations.

COURSE OUTLINE and TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

China: Brief History (Jan 29, 31)
China in the Global South: A Historical Introduction (Feb 5, 7)
China in the Global South: A Theoretical Introduction (Feb 12, 14)
China in Africa: Before 1995 (Feb 19, 21)
China in Africa: After 1995 (Feb 26, 28)
China in Africa: Case Studies (Mar 5, 7)
China and Asia: Japan (March 12, 14)
China in Asia: The Rest of Asia (Mar 19, 21)
Mar 25-Apr 1 [Spring Recess]
China in Latin America (Apr 2, 4)
China and Europe (Apr 9, 11)
China and the United States (Apr 16, 18)
China and International Institutions (Apr 23, 25, 30, May 1)
Conclusion and Summaries (May 8, 9)
May 13-17 [Final Examination Week]

FINAL GRADE BREAKDOWN

Regular class attendance 10%; active class participation/contribution to discussions 10%; mid-term paper and presentation 30%; final exam 50%.

DEADLINES and OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 14	mid-term paper titles
Apr 2	start of mid-term presentations
May 9	mid-term paper submission (10 pages)