Economics 416

The Chinese Economy

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Course Description
This is an introductory course on the Chinese Economy, both historical and current. It covers the imperial dynasties (until 1911), the Republican China (1911-1949), the Maoist China (1949-1978), Deng’s China (1978-1989), and the most recent reform effort. The post-reform period (1978-present) is of course the main focus. We are going to discuss the historical development of economic institutions, economic policies and strategies, and in particular how economic reform affected different sectors in the economy. Comparison will be frequently drawn with related issues in the state of Hawaii as well as the rest of the United States.

Stated Learning Outcomes
• China’s economic development experience
• How economic policy affects the path of economic development
• Sino-US economic comparison and relationship

Requirements and Readings
• My Lecture Notes (PPT)
• Supplements:
  o Videos: I will show some videos in class.

Grading
There will be one midterm (50%) and one final (50%). Exams are close-book, and contain mainly short essay questions. No make-up exams unless due to your own medical emergency. Finally, no +/- will be used in grading.
Note: Course schedule is subject to change. Changes will be announced in class.

**Schedule**

**Week 1: Introduction**
Latest economic performance of China. Basic necessities of studying about China, including basic statistics, geography, and language.

**Week 2: The Imperial Dynasties**
Review the economic and political history of China from the origins to 1911.

**Week 3 and Week 4: The Republican China**
A period of wars and revolutions, including the establishment of the Republic of China, the Era of Warlordism, the Nanjing Decade, the Anti-Japanese War, and the Civil War. Economic policies and performance in different time periods and locations.

**Week 5, Week 6, and Week 7: Maoist China**

**Week 8: Review and Midterm.**

Midterm: TBA.

**Week 9, Week 10, Week 11 (Spring Recess, No Class), Week 12, and Week 13: Deng’s China**

**Week 14, Week 15, and Week 16: Post-Deng Era**

**Week 17: Review**
Final Exam: TBA.