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 (origins to 1911), the republican (1911-1949), the Maoist (1949-1978), the Deng’s (1978-1989), and the latest development during the 1990s. The post-reform period (1978-present) is of course the main focus. We are going to discuss the historical development of economic institutions, various economic policies and strategies, and in particular how economic reform affected different sectors of the economy. Comparison will be frequently drawn with related issues in the state of Hawaii as well as the rest of the United States.

Requirements and Readings
• Supplements:
  o Videos: I will arrange some videos to be watched together in class.
• Main text is available in the University Bookstore for purchase. Supplements (except videos) will be put under reserve at the Sinclair Library. I’ll assign readings before each week’s lectures.

Grading
There will be one midterm (40%) and one final (40%). Exams are all close-book, and contain mainly short essay questions. No make-up exams unless due to your own medical emergency. I will conduct random attendance checks, which account for the last 20% of your grade. 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: Thursday May 12, 9:45am-11:45am.