Engaging with the World: Chinese Foreign Policy Decision Making

Session 3. Continuities and Changes in Chinese Foreign Policy (3 hours)

Purpose:

To understand the development of Chinese foreign policy strategies and policies towards major geographical areas and countries.

Key points:

- 1. Leaning to one side
- 2. Dual adversaries
- 3. One line strategies
- 4. Non-aligned independence
- 5. Being moderate (keeping a low profile)
- 6. Proposal for multi-polarity
- 7. Harmonious World

Reading assignments:

Joseph Yu-Shek Cheng and Franklin Wankun Zhang, "Chinese Foreign Relation Strategies Under Mao and Deng: A Systematic and Comparative Analysis," in *Philippine Journal of Third World Studies*, Vol.14, No.3 (1999), pp.91-114.

Chapter I, "Formulation of Foreign Policy of New China on Eve of Its Birth," in Han pp.1-7

Chapter X, "Evolution of Sino-Soviet Relations from Friendly Cooperation to Grave Deterioration," in Han pp.138-156.

Chapter XVIII, "Establishment of Diplomatic Relations Between China and the United States," in Han, pp. 267-289.

Chapter XXVI, "Adjustments in China's Foreign Policy," in Han pp.407-416.

Dingding Chen and Jianwei Wang, "Lying Low No More? China's New Thinking on the Tao Guang Yang Hui Strategy," *China: an International Journal* 9, 2 (Sept. 2011), pp195 – 216

Questions:

What were the major foreign policy strategies in the history of the PRC?

Why were China's strategies so changeable?

What were the determinants of these strategies?

Why is China's strategy in the twenty-first century unclear?