

Engaging with the World: Chinese Foreign Policy Decision Making

Session 9: China's Interaction with the International System (4 hours)

Purpose:

To offer an analytical understanding of Chinese foreign policy.

Key points:

1. China and the world in retrospect.
2. China as an revolutionary outsider
3. China's cautious and gradual integration with the international system
4. China's current status involvement in the international system.
5. The driving force behind China's changing relations with the international system
6. Competing theoretical explanations of China's changing relations with international system.

Reading assignment:

Samuel Kim, "China's International Organizational Behaviour," in Robinson and Shambaugh eds., *Chinese Foreign: Theory and Practice*, pp.401-434.

Joel Wuthnow & Xin Li & Lingling Qi, "Diverse Multilateralism: Four Strategies in China's Multilateral Diplomacy," *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, (2012) 17:269–290.

Economy, Elizabeth C. "The Impact of International Regimes on Chinese Foreign Policy-making," in Lampton. pp. 230-253.

Questions:

Explain the historical evolution of China's interaction with the international system
What are the general patterns or remarkable features of China's interaction with the international system?

What drives China's changing relations with the international system?

How do you explain the changes with China's overall external orientation?