

Engaging with the World: Chinese Foreign Policy Decision Making

Session 10: Western Theory and Chinese Foreign Policy Practice (3 hours)

Purpose:

To understand the benefits and possibility of bridging western theory of foreign policy analysis and Chinese foreign policy practice.

Key points:

1. The advantage of levels of analysis in Chinese foreign policy
2. Employing level of analysis to a specific case study of Chinese foreign policy: China's policy toward the Korean Peninsula.
3. The possibility of bridging western theory and Chinese foreign policy practice.
4. The benefits of bridging western theory and China foreign policy practice.

Reading assignment:

Chapter 1, "Perception and the Level of Analysis Problem," in Robert Jervis, *Perception and Misperception in International Politics* (Princeton University Press, 1976), pp.13-31.

Samuel Kim, "The Making of China's Korea Policy in the Era of Reform," in Lampton ed., pp.371-408.

Chapter 7, "Western Theories and Chinese Practices," in Lu Ning, pp. 171-184.

Questions:

Is it possible to employ western based foreign policy theory to the study of Chinese foreign policy? In what sense is it possible, and in what sense it is not possible?

How can we employ western based foreign policy theory to the study of Chinese foreign policy?

What are benefits of applying western based foreign policy theory to the study of Chinese foreign policy?