



## Course announcement

*“Chinese Politics in a Globalized World”*  
at the Nordic Centre, Fudan University, Shanghai  
27 February – 25 June 2012

### **Chinese Politics in a Globalized World**

*is a full-semester course which will give students an understanding of China as an emerging, major economic and political player in the world, and an understanding of the history of Chinese civilization, of contemporary China and its political, economic and social institutions, as well as a basic understanding of Chinese culture and language. The course offers a unique opportunity to learn about Chinese politics, and about China's role in the world and of how the world relates to China in the age of globalization*

The Nordic Centre at Fudan University in Shanghai ([www.nordiccentre.org](http://www.nordiccentre.org)) invites applications for a course on “Chinese Politics in a Globalized World”, to be given for the first time during the spring 2012 semester. The course is developed and organized in cooperation between the Nordic Centre and the School of International Relations and Public Affairs (SIRPA), Fudan University; Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen; and Department of Political Science and NIAS (Nordic Institute of Asian Studies), Copenhagen University. The course consists of three modules, each module corresponding to 10 ECTS in the European accreditation system,

in total 30 ECTS, corresponding to one full semester study:

- 1) “Chinese Developments in a Globalized World”
- 2) “Chinese Politics”
- 3) “Chinese Culture and Language”

The course aims at advanced (4-6 semester) Bachelor students and Master students in political science and social sciences and other relevant fields of study. Module 1 is a joint offer to students at Fudan and students from the Nordic member institutions of the Nordic Centre, while Modules 2 and 3 aim particularly at students from Nordic member institutions. About 20 Fudan-students (for Module 1) and about 20 students from Nordic Centre member institutions (for all three modules) will be admitted to the course.

## **Programme**

The entire course will run over 19 weeks, including one reading week/break in the middle of the semester and exams at the end of the semester.

Module 1, for Fudan and Nordic University students, will consist of one weekly three hours' lecture. Examination at the end of the semester will be a three hours' “school” exam.

Module 2, for Nordic University students, will consist of one-two weekly lectures/seminars and discussion/presentation of student term papers. The final examination will be an essay on a topic agreed upon with the instructor(s).

Module 3, will consist of lectures on culture and a classroom course in “Conversational Chinese” for beginners (option 1), and alternative study plans for students who already have some competence in Chinese (option 2).

An excursion to institutions in Beijing and local excursions/field trips in Shanghai and to the country-side are planned as part of the course program.

Lecturers and instructors will mainly come from the participating institutions responsible for the course, but will be supplemented with invited guest lecturers – all with first-hand experience from work and research related to Chinese politics and developments.

## **Syllabi**

A tentative syllabus for each of the three modules, with curriculum and tentative reading lists (to be filled in fall 2011) and week-by-week overview of activities, are available and will be updated throughout the fall 2011. See web links and contact info below.

## **Tuition fee**

Tuition fee is NOK 20 000, or alternatively, EUR 2 500. The fee covers tuition, programme activities and excursions and access to facilities at the Nordic Centre. Students may apply for funding for studies abroad from their state- and home institutions (e.g. in Norway: *Statens lånekasse for utdanning*)

## **Accommodation and travel**

The tuition fee does not cover international travel to China or accommodation expenses in Shanghai. Students are advised to apply for funding of such expenses as part of application for studies abroad/semester exchange. The Nordic Centre will help organize inexpensive offers of accommodation on or near campus. **Please contact: Freya Gao:** [freya@nordiccentre.org](mailto:freya@nordiccentre.org) Students may, of course, also choose to organize their own accommodation.

All students are responsible for organizing necessary travel insurance and for reporting their status of studying abroad to relevant authorities.

## **How to apply**

Students should send their application, including application form (which will be available ca. 15 September), a brief statement on motivation, a brief CV and university transcripts (scanned) electronically to **Teemu Naarajärvi**, Programme Manager at the Nordic Centre, Fudan University: [tn@nordiccentre.org](mailto:tn@nordiccentre.org). Students are asked to indicate whether they go for option 1 or option 2 for Module 3 (Chinese language course), and those opting for option 2 should indicate their level of Chinese language proficiency, and submit documentation of eventual completed language courses.

Application form (ca. 15 September), syllabus and updated information available at <http://www.uib.no/sampol/ressurser/chinese-politics-in-a-globalized-world>  
<http://www.nordiccentre.org/>

## **Deadline for applications: 10 October 2011**

## **Admission**

Students will be informed about the outcome of the admission process by ca. 10 November. Admission letters from Fudan University will be sent. **Important:** Admitted students are advised to seek an advance approval from their home institutions to ensure that the course will be accepted as part of their study programme (for a Bachelor or Master degree).

# Key Contacts and Organizing Committee

## Key contact for course-related information:

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