

COSB30 China Today

Literature List

## Literature Introduction

COSB30 is an elective first cycle course open to general admission and given by the Centre for East and South-East Asian Studies. It is part-time, distance learning, and can be taken as a free-standing course. The course covers a number of key issues and challenges that characterise Chinese contemporary society, including environmental issues, socioeconomic development, issues related to regional differences and social inequalities, the human rights situation and developments in civil society, freedom of expression, the role of the media and digital developments, as well as the emergence of a surveillance society. Domestic issues are analysed in a global context, with emphasis on China's global ambitions, global interlinkages, foreign policy, and Global China from below. The literature for this course has been carefully selected to provide students with accessible entry points to these complex subjects, and to lay the foundation for productive discussion and engaged learning in an online format. The course literature is chosen to reflect a diversity of views on contemporary socioeconomic developments in China. Consideration has also been taken of the gender and ethnic backgrounds of authors in the selection of readings. The literature in question is available as e-resources though LUBsearch.

The course director and main teacher on the course is Nicholas Loubere.

n.b. Newly added literature is in blue, literature that has been removed since last year is in red and crossed out.

## Books

Joseph, William A. (ed.) (2019). *Politics in China: An Introduction*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (third edition). (Chapters: 1, 5, 6, 8, 12, 15, 26, 17, and 18)

* Number of pages: 250
* Price: 399 kr (Ebook available)

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* Number of pages: 80
* Price: 189 kr

**Articles**

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Jones, Lee, and Zeng, Jinghan. (2019). ‘Understanding China’s ‘Belt and Road Initiative’: Beyond ‘grand strategy’ to a state transformation analysis,’ *Third World Quarterly*, 40(8): 1415-1439.

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Kuhn, Philip. (2006). ‘Why China Historians Should Study the Chinese Diaspora, and Vice-versa,’ *Journal of Chinese Overseas,* 2: 163–172.

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Leibold, James. (2020). ‘Surveillance in China’s Xinjiang Region: Ethnic Sorting, Coercion, and Inducement,’ *Journal of Contemporary China*, 29(121): 46-60.

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Rana, Pradumna B. and Ji, Xianbai. (2020). ‘China’s Belt and Road Initiative: Introduction and Overview,’ in *China’s Belt and Road Initiative: Impacts on Asia and Policy Agenda*. Singapore: Palgrave Macmillan: 1-25, <https://doi-org.ludwig.lub.lu.se/10.1007/978-981-15-5171-0_1>

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**Additional Readings**

200 pages of readings selected to augment discussions following documentary screenings.

**Total Pages:** 941