

**MGCS 5021**  
**Reform and Social Conflicts in Contemporary China**

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**Course Description**

This seminar discusses socioeconomic development in China and the negative consequences, in particular social conflict, that have arisen from the development. It explores the causes of the negative consequences of socioeconomic development and their persistence. The seminar also addresses how the people who are affected by the consequences and the government react to the problems. The seminar aims to introduce to students theoretical approaches to analyzing the problems that have occurred in China during the reform period.

**Class Schedule**

**NO.    THEME**

<b>L1</b>	Reform and Conflicts: An Introduction
<b>L2</b>	Fiscal Reform and Its Impact in Rural China
<b>L3</b>	Fiscal Reform and Rural Land Use
<b>L4</b>	Urban Land Development
<b>L5</b>	Development and Environmental Pollution
<b>L6</b>	Medical Care and Social Grievances
<b>L7</b>	Reform and Resistance in China (trapped reform)
<b>L8</b>	Reformers and Reform Strategies
<b>L9</b>	Institutionalized Modes of Conflict Resolution and the Limitations
<b>L10</b>	Petitions and the Limitations
<b>L11</b>	Non-institutionalized Modes of Conflict Resolution: Political Opportunities
<b>L12</b>	Social Protests and Outcomes
<b>L13</b>	Dynamics of Reform in China

**Requirements:**

1. Class participation and question submission: 20%
2. Three critique essay: (45%)
3. Term paper (research paper): (35%)

**Major Readings:**

Samuel Huntington, *Political Order in Changing Society* (New Heaven: Yale University Press, 1968), pp. 344-362, "Reform and Political Change."

An Chen, "The 1994 Tax Reform and Its Impact on China's rural Fiscal Structure," *Modern China*, vol. 34, no. 3 (2008), pp. 303-343.

Yongshun Cai, *Collective Resistance in China*, chapter 3, pp. 43-68.

Bryan Tilt, "Industrial pollution and environmental health in rural China: Risk, uncertainty and individualization," *China Quarterly*, vol. 214 (2013), pp. 283-301.

Minxin Pei, *China's Trapped Transition* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2006), Chapter 1, pp. 17-44.

Paul Pierson, *Dismantling the Welfare State* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1994), pp. 1-26.