

## ECON 3350 China, Hong Kong and the World Economy

Course Outline – January 2017

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Course notes, readings, and office hours of tutors will be posted on Blackboard (<https://elearn.cuhk.edu.hk>). Tutorials are not compulsory and the schedule will be posted on Blackboard.

Attention is drawn to University policy and regulations on honesty in academic work, and to the disciplinary guidelines and procedures applicable to breaches of such policy and regulations. Details may be found at <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/>. With each assignment, students will be required to submit a statement that they are aware of these policies, regulations, guidelines and procedures.

### Assessment:

1. Attendance and participation (see below)
2. Final exam **or** group project in lieu of the final (50%)  
Group project includes a poster presentation (20%) and a paper (30%)  
The final exam will be centrally scheduled in the exam period. **All students who do not opt for a group project need to take the final exam. Exchange students who opt to take the final MUST not go home before the final exam, which will be scheduled on a date during the exam period between April 26 to May 13. No make-ups will be given for students who depart before the date of the final exam.**
3. A short comment on a poster that is not prepared by the student (10%)
4. Quizzes (40%)  
There will be three 40-minute quizzes and the best two quizzes will be used in calculating your grade. The quizzes will be scheduled on Monday classes (**Feb 13, March 13, and April 10**).

### Requirements

#### Attendance and Participation

Attendance will be checked through the term after the add-drop period. Absence from a single (double) period class is counted as half (one) absence. There are a total of 16 double-period equivalents after the end of add-drop period of February 3 (11 double periods and 10 single periods). Less than 50% attendance will result in a 5 percentage point reduction in your score. A bonus of 5 percentage points will be given to students with an attendance rate of 80% or above.

#### Project in lieu of the final exam

Given the size of the class, group projects instead of individual projects are required. Students should form groups of four. Students who wish to submit a paper in lieu of the final exam have to sign the

attached form and hand it in on or before February 17 together with the list of group members and a short outline of the chosen project (All students who do not submit the attached form need to take the final exam). Students can choose topics of their own, or from a list of topics (together with references) to be loaded on Blackboard before the end of January. The teacher reserves the right to disallow topics that are not appropriate.

### *Poster session*

The Poster session is scheduled during the last class, April 19 (Wednesday) from 4.30 pm to 6.15 pm. The Department will provide one board on the ground floor of ELB to each group for mounting a poster. Each group should print and mount the poster before the session. Students should standby during the poster session to explain their projects to viewers. Logistics details will be announced later.

### *Paper*

The paper should be **no more than 2,500 words long** (excluding tables and graphs).

*Note:* To deter free-riding, a student will receive a 20 percentage point reduction should he/she receive complaints from two or more teammates.

### One Comments on a poster

Each student will write a comment on a poster that is NOT prepared by himself/herself. **Each comment should be no more than 500 words long.**

### Deadlines for group papers, posters, and comments

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| 1. Each group sends the form on Submitting a group project to TA            | February 17 |
| 2. Poster session (all students are expected to attend)                     | April 19    |
| 3. Each group uploads project presentation files on Blackboard              | April 20    |
| 4. Each group uploads paper on Blackboard                                   | May 4       |
| 5. Each student uploads comment on Blackboard                               | May 5       |
| 6. Each group submits hardcopy of paper and declaration of academic honesty | May 5       |

**VeriGuide: Plagiarism detection engine:** Each group is required to upload a soft copy of its paper to the VeriGuide for detecting plagiarism (<http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/veriguide>). DO NOT load comments to VeriGuide as the chance of plagiarism in a short comment on the paper of other students is minimal.

You will be required to fill in the assignment number (use your group number) and due date. You are reminded to carefully complete this information, otherwise your submission may not be recognised. After submission, you should download a submission receipt and declaration form. The declaration should signed by all members of the group and should be stapled with the submission receipt to the hard copy of the paper to be deposited in the assignment box of the teacher on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor of the Esther Lee Building by **5 pm on May 5**.

**Late submissions of presentation files, comments' files or papers will be downgraded. Papers with inadequate citation will be downgraded and a zero mark will be given for plagiarism. A zero mark will also be given for papers without a VERIGUIDE receipt and declaration of honesty.**

### **Course description**

The rise of China is the major event of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Hong Kong has played an important role in the opening and reform of the Chinese economy. This course examines the major issues and challenges involved in the rise of China and economic integration of Hong Kong and the Mainland. Well-known experts from the finance sector and governmental organizations will be invited to discuss and analyse current economic issues such as Hong Kong's integration with the Pearl River Delta and the Mainland, the status of Hong Kong as China's trading, financial and services hub, the impacts on the global economy of the Hong Kong-Mainland economic nexus, and economic cooperation between Hong Kong and the Mainland.

**Students are assumed to have knowledge of introductory microeconomics and macroeconomics.** More advanced economic concepts will be explained as they are used. Students who have problems with economic concepts are advised to attend tutorials and/or discuss with tutors during their office hours.

### **Learning outcomes**

After completing this course, students should be able to:

- Understand the major issues involved in the rise of the Chinese economy and the impacts on the world economy.
- Understand the major issues involved in the economic integration of the Hong Kong and the Chinese Mainland.
- To intelligently discuss and evaluate the debates on these issues.

### **Guest Speakers**

We plan to invite guest speakers covering the topics below in the following double periods on Wednesday. The teacher will cover all other classes.

1. January 25, 2017 – Mr. Edward LEUNG  
Former Chief Economist, Hong Kong Trade Development Council  
“Economic Integration and the Emergence of Anti-globalization”
2. February 15, 2017 – Mr. Nathan CHOW  
Vice President, Economist, DBS Bank (Hong Kong)  
“Offshore Renminbi Business and the Internationalization of Renminbi”
3. February 22, 2017 – Mr. Nicholas KWAN  
Director of Research, Hong Kong Trade Development Council  
“One Belt One Road: Challenges and Opportunities for Hong Kong”
4. March 1, 2017 – Mr. K.C. KWOK  
Former Chief Economist, Hong Kong Government  
“China's Economic Reform & Development, and implications for Hong Kong”
5. April 5, 2017 – Mr. Enoch FUNG  
Head, Market Development, Hong Kong Monetary Authority  
“Development of Hong Kong as an International Financial Centre”

## ECO 3350 China, Hong Kong, and the World Economy

We will write a paper in lieu of the final exam for the above course (to be handed in to the TA on or before **Feb 17**).

Name	Student ID	Signature
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Date:

Please attach short outline of paper.