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Department of Economics

ECON5310 Chinese Economy
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Teaching Schedule:

Lecture	Date	Time	Venue
L1	20-Sep-18	Thu 06:00PM - 08:45PM	Lee Shau Kee Building LT1
L2 (Public Lecture)	24-Sep-18	Mo 9:45AM -11:45AM	YIA LT 2
L3	29-Sep-18	Sat 09:30AM- 12:15 PM	YIA_LT9
L4	8-Oct-18	Mo 08:30AM - 11:15AM	YIA_LT9
L5	12-Oct-18	Fri 02:30PM- 05:15PM	ELB LT 1
L6	26-Oct-18	Fri 02:30PM- 05:15PM	ELB LT 1
L7	29-Oct-18	Mo 08:30AM - 11:15AM	YIA_LT9
L8	5-Nov-18	Mo 08:30AM - 11:15AM	YIA_LT9
L9	12-Nov-18	Mo 08:30AM - 11:15AM	YIA_LT9

L10	19-Nov-18	Mo 08:30AM - 11:15AM	YIA_LT9
L11	26-Nov-18	Mo 08:30AM - 11:15AM	YIA_LT9
L12 (Final Exam)	3-Dec-18	Mo 08:30AM - 11:15AM	ELB LT 1

Course Description

This course provides a conceptual framework that helps us understand China's growth over the three decades since the late 1970s and its recent slowdown. We will: (i) explore the politico-economic arrangements that have been underpinning China's high growth; (ii) discuss the institutional changes that may be responsible for the recent slowdown; (3) evaluate welfare implications of the rise of Chinese economy in a global perspective; (4) discuss timely topics including the rise of the service sector, the adjustment of external imbalances, the efficiency of R&D investment and the transformation of the financial sector.

Course Materials

Lecture notes, compulsory and optional readings. All materials will be available for downloading before each meeting.

Textbook: N.A.

Reference: [See the materials in the course web/email](#)

Assessments

The course grade is based on final exam (60%), presentation (30%) and class performance (10%).

Presentation: Group presentation is encouraged. **You may work in teams of up to 4 people.** Each presentation can go up to a maximum of 15 minutes. Presentations will be given at the beginning of the second half of class. If you decide to present, please email me about your preferred presentation dates. The email of your proposal should be sent to me at least two weeks ahead of the presentation. Your proposal

will be accepted (or denied) if it has (or lacks) general interests.

Topics

Topic 1: Overview, China's Data and Conceptual Framework (A Model of "Crony Capitalism")

Topic 2: Firms: The Rise of the Private Sector and the Struggling of the State Sector

Topic 3: Government: Merit- vs. Connection-Based Evaluation and its Implications

Topic 4: Extension of the Baseline Framework: Misallocation and Aggregate Implications

Topic 5: Extension of the Baseline Framework: Recent Institutional Changes and Economic Slowdown

Topic 6: Domestic Structural Issues (barriers to rural-urban migration, population ageing, underdeveloped service sector, allocative inefficiency of R&D investment ...)

Topic 7: External Imbalances (the nature of trade imbalances and their recent correction, macro consequences of capital account liberalization and capital controls ...)

Topic 8: Banking and Finance (the nature of local financing vehicles, the rise of shadow banking, welfare consequences of China's partial financial liberalization ...)

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