

THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
ECON 3250
CHINESE ECONOMY: HERITAGE AND CHANGE
中國經濟: 傳承與變革

COURSE OUTLINE
Second Semester 2023-2024

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Assessment Method: Term Paper: 40%; Final Exam (Open Book): 60%

TOPICS

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| 1 st – 2 nd Weeks | Overview of Chinese history and the debate over when China fell economically and technologically behind the West |
| 3 rd – 4 th Weeks | Ming-Qing China's foreign trade policies and comparison with the West |
| 5 th – 6 th Weeks | The status and role of merchants in dynastic China and the West |
| 7 th – 8 th Weeks | Market freedoms and rise of capitalism in dynastic China and the West |
| 9 th Week | Population control and literacy rates in dynastic China and the West. Discovery of the New World and its economic significances |
| 10 th –11 th Weeks | The scientific and industrial revolutions and their economic significances |
| 12 th Week | Rule of Law, property rights, democracy and their relevance to economic development in dynastic China and the West |
| 13 th Week | Why China slept and implications for today |

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E-TEXTBOOK:

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BOOKS ON RESERVE

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