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LSE-PKU Summer School 2016

LPS-IR208

# Power Shift: China, the United States and the West in a New Asian Century

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## Instructor

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Professor Michael Cox was appointed to a Chair in International Relations at the London School of Economics in 2003 and previously held appointments in Northern Ireland, Wales, the USA and Australia. More recently he was appointed Director of the Cold War Studies Centre at LSE, and in 2007 Co-Director of LSE IDEAS, a Centre for the Study of Diplomacy and Strategy. He has held external positions at Chatham House, London, the Nobel Institute in Oslo, the Royal Institute of International Affairs and the Royal United Services Institute.

A highly experienced international lecturer, he speaks on a range of contemporary global issues, though most recently he has focused on US foreign policy, the state of transatlantic relationship, the role of the United States in the international economy, the rise of Asia and the longer term problems facing the European Union.

## Course Summary

If the 19<sup>th</sup> century was British and the 20<sup>th</sup> Century American, then will the 21<sup>st</sup> century be Asian or even Chinese? Many think it will be. But if economic power is shifting away from the West and the United States towards the 'East' and China - as is now claimed - then what will this mean for world politics and the global economy? Will all this lead - as some optimists argue - to a more equal international order, more prosperity and greater economic integration between increasingly interdependent states? Or will it lead - as many are beginning to wonder - to increased international tensions and less economic certainty? Finally, within this fast changing new world economic order can China continue to rise peacefully, will American be prepared to decline "gently", and can Asia continue along its current prosperous path without tipping over into war? These are but a few of the very big questions around which this course will be organized.

## Background and Preparatory Reading List

- Fareed Zakaria. *The Post-American World and the Rise of the Rest*. Penguin. 2009
- Bill Emmott. *Rivals: How the Power Struggle between China, India and Japan will shape our next decade*. Penguin, 2008
- OA Westad. *Restless Empire: China and the World since 1750*, 2012

## Prerequisites

None

## Assessment

Midterm Essay: 50%

Final Exam: 50%

## Course Overview and Tentative Reading List

### 1. Power Shifts: From the Victory of the West to the Rise of the Rest

- David Lai, 'The Power Transition Theory' Chapter 2 in Lai, David *"The United States and China in Power Transition"* Washington: Strategic Studies Institute (December 2011)
- Joshua Kurlantzik "The Asian Century: Not Quite Yet", *Current History*, January 2011, pp26-31
- Michael Cox "Power Shifts, Economic Change and the Decline of the West", *International Relations* Vol.26, No.4 2012, pp.369-383

### 2. Globalization and The Triumph Of Capitalism

- Francis Fukuyama, "The End of History", 1992 access at: <http://kropfpolisci.com/exceptionalism.fukuyama.pdf>
- Pei Minxin "Asia's Rise", *Foreign Policy*, Vol. 173, July-August 2009, pp32-36

### 3. Another American Century? The United States In An age Of Unipolarity – and beyond

- Robert Lieber "Persistent Primacy and the Future of the American Era", *International Politics*, Vol 46, No 2/3 (2009), pp.119-139
- Robert Singh "The Exceptional Empire: Why the United States Will Not Decline — Again", *International Politics*, (2008) Vol 45, 571-593

### 4. 2001: 9/11 and The Failed War On Terror

- Leffler, Melvyn (2011), '9/11 in Retrospect: George W. Bush's Grand Strategy, Reconsidered', *Foreign Affairs* 90(5): 33-44.

### 5. 2008: The Financial Crisis – Global Consequences

- Wu Xinbo, "Understanding the Geopolitical Implications of the Global Financial Crisis," *The Washington Quarterly*, 33, no. 4 (2010): pp. 155-163.
- Roger Altman, "The Great Crash, 2008," *Foreign Affairs*, 88, no. 1 (2009): pp. 2- 14.

## **6. The rise and fall of Europe**

- Daniel Keohane, Stefan Lehne, Ulrich Speck & Jan Techau (2014), A New Ambition for Europe: A Memo to the European Union Foreign Policy Chief, Carnegie Europe, October 2014, [http://carnegieendowment.org/files/EESP-full\\_Final.pdf](http://carnegieendowment.org/files/EESP-full_Final.pdf)
- Copsey, Nathaniel, Haughton, T (2009), "The Choices for Europe? National Preference Formation in Old and New Member States", *Journal of Common Market Studies* 47(2)
- Wolfgang Munchau, "The Deadly Disunity of Europeans", *Financial Times*, 6 September 2015

## **7. BRIC I: Will China rule the World?**

- Wang Jisi, "China's Search for a Grand Strategy A Rising Great Power Finds Its Way" *Foreign Affairs* (2011) pp.68-79
- Guy de Jonquieres, "The Problematic Politics of China's Economic Reform Plan", *ECIPE Policy Briefs*, No.5/2014

## **8. BRIC II: India: An Emerging Superpower?**

- Ramachandra Guha, "Why India Survives", in *India After Gandhi* (2007)pp. 733-760
- Aseema Sinha, "India: Rising Power or a Mere Revolution of Rising Expectations", *Polity*, Vol 42, No.1 January 2010, pp74-99

## **9. BRIC III: A New Cold War? Putin's Russia And The West**

- Saari, Sinikukka (2014), "Russia's Post-Orange Revolution Strategies to Increase its Influence in Former Soviet Republics: Public Diplomacy *po russkii*", *Europe-Asia Studies* 66(1): 50-66. (Please find attached below)
- Galeotti, Mark; Bowen, Andrew S. (2014), 'Putin's Empire of the Mind How Russia's President Morphed from Realist to Ideologue—and What He'll Do Next', *Foreign Policy*, May/June, Issue 206: 16-19

## **10. Zone of Turmoil: The Middle East – From Arab Spring to Arab Revolt**

- Katerina Dalacoura, "The 2011 uprisings in the Arab Middle East: Political Change and Geopolitical Implications": *International Affairs* 88.1 (2012) 63-79
- Jack Goldstone, 'Understanding the revolutions of 2011', *Foreign Affairs*, (May/June 2011).
- Stephen M. Walt, "ISIS as a Revolution State" Nov/Dec2015, Vol. 94 Issue 6, *Foreign Affairs*. p42-51