Economics 169: Contemporary Chinese Economy

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Course requirements:

A paper comprises half your grade. You should *make an argument* and present research on current issues, at least 5000 words unless formal methods are employed. Part of research is finding a topic. Without my help. Topics are due March 19, a one-page outline April 9th, and the final version before class starts April 30. I will read anything, from an intro to a full draft, submitted by April 16th.

The final is the other half of your grade. The material is intended to be challenging but the amount of reading is comparatively light. No lecture notes will be distributed in a vain attempt to force you to attend. I will add half a letter grade (e.g. B to B+) for anyone who contributes significantly to class discussion and deduct half a grade for someone who is disruptive or wears Ohio State clothing.

I China’s Transition

Lecture 1  Background material

{Note: these are long but will help for your paper. And next week’s readings are short.}

Lecture 2  Transition Concepts

Lecture 3  Prices

Lecture 4  Firms

Lecture 5  Banks
China And The Challenge, Fung et al. (eds.) Sharpe: 2006. Chapter 14
II External Components

Lecture 6 The WTO
“China And The WTO,” Congressional Hearings: February 2005
China And The Challenge, Fung et al. (eds.) Sharpe: 2006. Chapter 3

Lecture 7 Inward Investment
China’s Industrial Revolution, Dutta. World Scientific: 2006. Chapter 4

Lecture 8 Trade and Currency

III Challenges

Labor

Agriculture

Lecture 11 Inequality
Khan and Riskin, “China’s Household Income.” China Quarterly, June 2005

Lecture 12 Regionalism
Spatial Structure And RegionalDevelopment, Okamoto and Ihara (eds.) Palgrave: 2005. Chapters 4, 10

Lecture 13 Power/Energy
IEA, “Power Sector Reforms,” 2006. Section 1

IV Will China Rule the World

Lecture 14 Long-term Growth