



University  
of Victoria

# POLI 324/HSTR 365C China and the World

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**Instructor Fall 2022:** Can Zhao

**Course delivery:** This course will be delivered face-to-face and on campus.

## **Course description:**

This course examines the contemporary history of China's relations with the world. Students will explore the developments of foreign relations of the People's Republic of China (PRC) from a communist isolationist country to a rising major power in the world. We will also examine the wide policy arena where China perceives, manages, and develops its relations with various powers, groups of countries, geopolitical regions, and international organizations. As a whole the course tries to help the students to build up their own capabilities to comprehend the historical development and current agenda of China's relations with the world, to interpret changes and continuities in China's foreign policies with the references of China's various bilateral and multilateral international conducts, and to analyze the evolution of China's role in the contemporary world.

**Prerequisite:** None

## **Course outcomes/objectives:**

- Develop written and verbal communication through essay writing and discussion
- Understand how the Chinese Communist Party conducted foreign policy in relation to the rest of the world, emphatically Korea, Taiwan, the USSR, the West, and the developing countries.
- Explore how Chinese foreign policy has changed through the post-WWII to the post-Cold War eras
- Examine China's role as a rising global superpower on the world stage

## **Topics may include:**

Chinese foreign policy  
Korean War  
Sino-Soviet relations  
Sino-U.S. relations  
Revolutionary isolationism  
Globalization

*This summary provides an overall sense of the course and is an official course outline. Detailed course outlines will be available for all registered students on the first day of class.*