

**FAS2882A: The Chinese Economy: Institutions and Policies**  
**FASStrack 2024**

**Schedule: PM Session (2pm-5pm, Singapore Time)**  
**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday**

**Course Description**

China's transformation into a global economic powerhouse is remarkable. This rise can't be fully comprehended without delving into the intricacies of China's economic institutions, including the macroeconomic, enterprise, and innovation systems, which have undergone substantial reforms in the past decades. Furthermore, understanding the role of political institutions and policymaking in China is pivotal. This module seeks to equip students with the essential knowledge to dissect the Chinese economic landscape, incorporating historical, political, and institutional lenses. It encourages students to employ social science methods to analyze the ongoing economic shifts in China and engages them with questions at the research forefront.

**Preclusion/ Prerequisite**

Nil

**Lecturer**

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**Course Assessment**

<b>Assessments</b>		<b>Assessment deadlines</b>
Essay	40%	Saturday, 20 July
Group presentation	35%	Saturday, 20 July
Class participation	25%	
<b>Total for CA:</b>	<b>100%</b>	

- Essay (40%): Paper length within 3,000 words
- Group Presentation (35%):
  - 10% - Written report (common grade), around 750 words
  - 15% - Group Presentation
  - 10% - Summary of each group member's contribution to the group project (individual grade)
- Class participation (25%)

## Course Topics

<b>Week</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Session Activities</b>
<b>1</b>	1	An Overview and the Chinese Economy Before 1978	Lecture
	2	Chinese Economic Reform since 1978	Lecture
	3	Institutional Foundations of Chinese Economic Growth	Lecture + Tutorial
	4	Labor Force, Poverty, and Inequality	Lecture + Tutorial
<b>2</b>	5	Firms: from State-Owned Enterprises to Big Techs	Lecture + Tutorial
	6	Innovation, Science, and Technological Development	Lecture + Tutorial
	7	External Economic Relations and Structural Changes	Lecture + Tutorial
	8	Macroeconomic Management and Financial System	Lecture + Tutorial
<b>3</b>	9	Industrial Policy, Competition Policy, and the “China Model”	Lecture + Tutorial
	10	Digital Economy and Green Development in China	Lecture + Tutorial
	11	Economic Policymaking in China: Incentive and Capacity	Lecture + Tutorial
	12	How Economics is Relevant for the Chinese Economic Reform?	Lecture + Tutorial

## Reading List

Naughton, B. J. (2018). *The Chinese economy: Adaptation and growth*. MIT Press.