

## FAS2882A: The Chinese Economy: Institutions and Policies

### FASstrack 2025

**Schedule: PM Session (2pm-6pm, Singapore Time)**

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday**

#### Course Description

China's transformation into a global economic powerhouse over the past decades is truly remarkable. This ascent cannot be fully understood without exploring the complexities of China's economic institutions, including the substantial reforms in intergovernmental fiscal relations. Additionally, economic policies such as industrial, innovation, and macroeconomic policies are critical in supporting economic growth. Therefore, understanding the role of institutions and policymaking in China is pivotal. This module seeks to equip students with the essential knowledge needed to analyze the Chinese economic landscape through historical, policy, and institutional lenses. It encourages students to apply social science methods to explore the ongoing economic transitions in China and engages them with questions at the forefront of contemporary research.

#### Preclusion/ Prerequisite

Nil

#### Lecturer

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#### Course Assessment

<b>Assessments</b>		<b>Assessment deadlines</b>
Essay	40%	23 July 2025 (Fri)
Group presentation	35%	
Class participation	25%	
<b>Total for CA:</b>	<b>100%</b>	

- Essay (40%): Paper length within 3,000 words
- Group Presentation (35%): Describe your assessment....
  - 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)
- Assessment Title 3 (25%): Class participation

## Course Topics

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

## Reading List

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