COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code / Title : HA3016 China's Foreign Policy

Pre-requisites : HA1001, HA1012

No. of AUs. : 3

Contact Hours : 39

Course Aims

This course aims to introduce students to contemporary China foreign Policy. It will acquaint students with the various domestic and international drivers and players that have shape China's foreign policy since the end of the Cold War; familiarise them with China's FP bilateral and multilateral engagements with key powers and regions; and help students identify and explain major trends and challenges facing China's foreign Policy as it rises to great power status. The course is designed for students who are interested in gaining a more structured understanding of China's foreign Policy and its growing impact in international affairs. By providing you with a comprehensive understanding of the main foreign policy vectors of a key regional and global power, HA3016 is an important asset for those of you who are considering a future career as a diplomat or in foreign affairs in general, here in the region or globally.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

By the end of the course, you should be able to:

1. Explain historical and contemporary drivers in CFP and identify key shifts and continuities.
2. Identify key domestic players and discuss the complexities of decision making in CFP.
3. Summarize major debates in the field and critique contrasting arguments.
4. Interpret China's changing role in global politics and discuss CFP towards key major powers and regions.
5. Dissect CFP in concrete case studies and articulate well sustained arguments.
6. Formulate realistic policy solutions to address specific CFP challenges.

Course Content

The rise of China has been one of the most important defining traits of the new international order since the end of the Cold War. China's increasing economic might and presence in different parts of the world comes with an expanding political clout in regional and global affairs, which requires a better understanding of the drivers and dynamics of China's foreign policy. This course will unpack the complexities and paradoxes deriving from a multitude of domestic and international actors and structures that have shaped CFP since the end of the Cold War. In line
with this the course will cover topics such as continuity and change in CFP drivers, decision making process, China's approach to multilateralism and international institutions, relations with key powers and regions and relevant FP changes under President Xi Jinping. This module will equip you with a comprehensive understanding of China's contemporary behaviour in the international arena and its regional and global implications.

**Course Assessment**

CA1 - Structured Group Discussion  : 5%
CA2 - Mid Term test              : 25%
CA3 - Grand Debates             : 15%
CA4 - Case study project        : 15%
CA5 - Policy Briefing           : 40%

**Total**                      --------

**100%**