

## COURSE DETAIL

### THE RISE OF CHINA

**Country**

Netherlands

**Host Institution**

Leiden University College

**Program(s)**

Leiden University College

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science

**UCEAP Course Number**

115

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

THE RISE OF CHINA

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

RISE OF CHINA

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## **Course Description**

This course provides a critical examination of key issues and processes related to the international relations of China. The focus of the course is on developments since the end of the Cold War, with a particular emphasis on the rise of China and its various implications for international politics. As protestors in the summer of 1989 gathered in Tiananmen Square to demand greater political rights, it appeared as though the changes that swept Europe with the collapse of Soviet Union were being replicated in China. Nearly two decades on, the Chinese Communist Party remains in power, having successfully negotiated the end of the Cold War and built the foundations for China's rise as a Great Power in the world. China is now integrated into the world economy and has played important political roles. Yet, China meanwhile seems to be vulnerable as well. Many Western observers have been expecting the collapse of People's Republic of China, as they argue that the regime lacks legitimacy since it is not built upon an electoral/democratic system. The riots that took place in Tibet in 2008 and in Xingjian in 2009 to a certain degree reflect the fragility of the PRC. In addition, China's rise appears threatening to many people. Foreigners often worry that China's rapid development presents a threat to the stability of the current world order. Military and political tensions between China and Japan could undermine the stability of the Northeast Asian region for instance. As such, this course attempts to contemplate the following three questions by examining the rise of China, both in theoretical and empirical terms: Is China's rise a real phenomenon, and what are the characteristics of China's rise, if any? Is the rise of China an opportunity or a threat, and how should we analyze it? How should the world manage China's rise? In short, this course draws considerable insight from international relations and comparative political theory to make sophisticated and nuanced analysis of China's ascent.

## **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

## **Host Institution Course Number**

8003WP50Y

## **Host Institution Course Title**

THE RISE OF CHINA

**Host Institution Campus**

**Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**

World Politics

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