

Master's in International Relations

CIDOB

2007-2008

Asia studies: China

Objectives: To provide participants with a basic knowledge of social, economic and political structures, as well as of the cultures and ideologies of what is one of the most important countries and cultures in the geopolitical area of Asia, in addition to providing sufficient skills in theoretical and empirical analysis to understand the politics of Asian countries, their current problems and their relations within the economic and social context of the region. Detect the key processes that determine the Asian regional space and train professionals who are competent in the field of advising public institutions and private companies with interests in the Asia region.

Contents: colonialism and post-colonialism; nationalism and regionalism; security, conflicts and conflict resolution; demography, migration movements and environmental problems; economic structures; economic and modernisation planning and liberalisation, overseas trade, investment and tourism; cultural anthropology; social and cultural psychology; "Asian values".

Organisation: this module is organised into master classes coordinated with a dossier of reading material and a system of tutorials.

Contents:

Conceptual background to thinking in China (Seán Golden)
Political, economic and social thinking in China (Seán Golden)
China's imperial political system (Seán Golden)
Theoretical model of international studies. (Seán Golden)
China's economic growth and its implications for Spain. Amadeu Jensana
Diaspora, migration, globalisation and identity. Joaquín Beltrán.
Chinese women. Amelia Saiz.
Doing business in China. Jacint Soler
Tuesday 12/02: Jacint Soler.
China and "modernity". The clash of empires (1828-1912). Seán Golden.
The Republican age (1912-1949) - the Maoist age (1949-1976). Seán Golden.
Reforms and openness; the contemporary political system (1978 to the present). Seán Golden.
The construction of (post)modernity in China. Seán Golden.
Regionalism, security and international relations: the role of China. Seán Golden.
Burning issues and prospecting for the future in the case of China. Seán Golden.

Calendar and Timetable

21, 22, 28 and 29 January 2008; 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 and 26 February 2008; 3 and 4 March 2008.

From 18:00 to 21:00h

Enrolment fee: 300€

Course starts: 21 January 2008

Course ends: 4 March 2008