

**Rural Economics
(Tentative)**

Instructor: Yuan Jian

Book purchases recommended

- Barry Naughton, **The Chinese Economy: Transitions and Growth** (The MIT Press, 2007);
- Jonathan Unger, **The Transformation of Rural China** (Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, 2002).
- Andrew G. Walder (ed.), **Zouping in Transition: Process of Reform in Rural North China** (Harvard University Press, 1998).
- Rachel Murphy, **How Migrant Labor is Changing Rural China** (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002).

Readings from the following books and those from journals are on reserve in the reading room

- Albert Keidel, **China's Economic Fluctuations: and their implications for its rural economy** (Carnegie Endowment for International Peace 2007).
- Vivienne Shue and Christine Wong, eds., **Paying for Progress in China: Public Finance, Human Welfare and Changing Patterns of Inequality** (Routledge 2007).
- World Bank, **China 2020: Development Challenges in the New Century** (Washington, D.C.: World Bank, 1997).
- Tyrene White ed., **China Briefing 2000: The Continuing Transformation** (Armonk, New York: M.E. Sharpe Inc. 2000).
- Ross Garnaut and Yiping Huang, eds., **Growth without Miracles: readings on the Chinese economy in the era of reform** (Oxford University Press 2001).
- David Sweig, **Freeing China's Farmers: Rural Restructuring in the Reform Era** (M.E. Sharpe, 1997).
- Kellee S. Tsai, **Capitalism without Democracy: the private sector in contemporary China** (Cornell University Press, 2007).
- Arianne M. Gaetano and Tamara Jacka (eds.), **On the Move: Women in Rural-to-Urban Migration in Contemporary China** (Columbia University Press, 2004).
- Gerard A. Postiglione ed., **Education and Social Change in China: Inequality in a Market Economy** (Armonk: M.E. Sharpe, 2006).
- Lester R. Brown, **Who Will Feed China?** (New York and London: W.W. Norton & Company, 1995).
- Anita Chan et al., **Chen Village: The recent history of a peasant community in Mao's China** (Berkeley University Press 1984).

Course schedule and reading list

1. introduction: rural China in transition

- Naughton 2007, Chap 1: Legacies and setting.
- Andrew Walder, "Zouping in perspective," in Walder 1998, pp1-34.

Optional:

-Jeffrey Sacks and Wing Thye Woo, "Structural factors in China's economic reform," in Garnaut and Huang, 2001, pp474-478.

2. the command economy and collectivized farming

-Naughton 2007, chap 3: the socialist era, 1949-1978: Big push industrialization and policy instability; chap 10.1: the Chinese village. chap10.2: Agricultural Collectives.

-Unger 2002, Part I: The countryside under Mao, pp7-94, particularly pp1-23 and pp73-92.

-Huang and Odend'hal, "Fengjia: A village in transition," in Walder, 1998, pp86-114.

Optional:

-Anita Chan 1984, Chen Village: The recent history of a peasant community in Mao's China.

-Y.Y. Kueh, "Mao and agriculture in China's industrialization: three antitheses in a 50-year perspective, The China Quarterly, September 2006, pp700-723.

3. major reform programs

-Naughton, 2007, chap.4: Market transition: strategy and process, particularly 4.1,4.2, pp85-90; The chap 10.3: The second revolution in the countryside, pp240-250.

-Unger 2002, chap. 5: Disbanding collective agriculture, pp95-118.

-Jean C. Oi, "Two decades of rural reform in China: an overview and assessment," The China Quarterly, September 1999, pp616-628.

Optional:

-Robert F. Dernberger, "The People's Republic of China at 50: the economy," The China Quarterly, September 1999, pp606-615.

-Zweig 1997, Part I: Restructuring property rights and decollectivization, pp43-110.

4. grain production: constraints and prospect

-Naughton 2007, Chap. 11: Agriculture: output, inputs, and technology, pp251-270.

-China 2020, chap5: Feeding the people, pp61-70.

-Brown 1995, chap.4: The shrinking cropland base, pp54-65; chap.5: Spreading water scarcity, pp66-74.

-Terry Sicular, "Establishing markets: the process of commercialization in agriculture," in Walder 1998, pp115-156.

Optional:

- Albert Keidel, "China's Economic Fluctuations and Their Implications for Its Rural Economy," Carnegie Endowment for International Peace 2007, pubs@CarnegieEndowment.org.

-Scott Waldron, Colin Brown and John Longworth, "State Sector Reform and Agriculture in China," The China Quarterly, September 2006, pp277-294.

5. land ownership

-Naughton 2007, chap. 5.1.3: the rural economic system pp119-121; chap10.3:the second revolution in the countryside, and 10.4 the emergence of rural land market, pp240-250.

-Zweig 1997, chap. 5: Struggling over land in China, pp130-150.

-Yongshun Cai, "Collective ownership or cadres' ownership? the non-agricultural use of farmland in China," *The China Quarterly*, September 2003, pp662-679.

Optional:

-Samuel P.S. Ho and George C.S. Lin, "Emerging land markets in rural and urban China: policies and practices," *The China Quarterly*, September 2003, pp681-707.

-Peter Ho, "Who owns China's land? property rights and deliberate institutional ambiguity," *The China Quarterly*, June 2001, pp394-421.

-Xiaolin Guo, "Land expropriation and rural conflicts in China," *The China Quarterly*, June 2001, pp422-439.

6. rural-urban migration

-Naughton 2007, chap5: The urban-rural divide, pp113-136; chap.8: Labor and human capital, pp179-208.

-Unger 2002, chap. 6: Leaving the village, pp119-130.

-Rachel Murphy 2002, chap.2: China, Jiangxi, and the fieldwork counties, pp28-51; chap. 3: Resource redistribution and inequality, pp52-87.

-China 2020, chap.4(1): Making labor markets flexible, pp44-50.

Optional:

-Kam Wing Chan and Li Zhang, "The Hukou system and rural-urban migration in China: processes and changes," *The China Quarterly*, December 1999, pp818-855.

-Tyrene White, "The shape of society: the changing demography of development," in White 2000, pp95-122.

-Lou, Zheng, Connelly and Roberts, "The migration experiences of young women from four counties in Sichuan and Anhui;" and Rachel Murphy, "The impact of labor migration on the well-being and agency of rural Chinese women," in Gaetano and Jacka 2004, pp207-242, pp243-278.

-Scott Roselle, et al, "Leaving China's farms: survey result of new paths and remaining hurdles to rural migration," *The China Quarterly*, June 1999, pp367-393.

-Julia Kwong, "The integration of migrant children in Beijing Schools," in Gerard Postiglione 2006, pp163-178.

7. rural industrialization

-Andrew G. Walder, "The county government as an industrial cooperation," in Walder 1998, pp62-85.

-Jean C. Oi, "The evolution of local state corporatism," in Walder 1998, pp35-61.

-Naughton 2007, chap12: Rural industrialization: Township and Village Enterprises, pp271-294.

Optional:

- William Byrd and Alan Gelb, "Township, village and private industry in China's economic reform," in Garnaut and Huang 2001, pp170-188.
- Unger 2002, chap. 7: The emergence of private entrepreneurship and new classes, pp131-146; chap. 8: Local governments and private enterprise, pp147-170.
- Murphy 2002, chap. 6: The Enterprises and the entrepreneurs, pp144-176.
- Andrew G. Walder and Litao Zhao, "Political Office and Household Wealth: Rural China in the Deng Era," *The China Quarterly*, September 2006, pp357-376.
- Kellee S. Tsai, *Capitalism without Democracy* 2007, chapter 3, 5 and 6.

8. village administration

- Naughton 2007, chap. 18.2: the fiscal system and fiscal reform, and chap. 18.3: the fiscal system today, pp430-441.
- Unger 2002, chap.10: The kaleidoscopic politics of rural China, pp197-222.
- John James Kennedy, "From the Tax-for-Fee Reform to the Abolition of Agricultural Taxes: The Impact on Township Governments in North-west China," *The China Quarterly*, March 2007, pp43-59.
- Jean C. Oi and Scott Rozelle, "Elections and power: the locus of decision-making in Chinese villages," *The China Quarterly*, June, 2000. pp513-539.

Optional:

- Zhang Linxiu et al, "Investing in rural China," in Shue and Wong, 2007, pp117-144.
- Le-Yin Zhang, "Chinese central-provincial fiscal relationships, budgetary decline and the impact of the 1994 fiscal reform: an evaluation," *The China Quarterly*, March 1999, p115-141.
- Yusheng Yao, "Village Elections and Redistribution of Political Power and Collective Property," *The China Quarterly*, March 2009, p126-144.
- Tianjian Shi, "Village Committee Elections in China," in Lowell Dittmer and Guoli Liu eds 2006.
- Kevin J. O'Brien and Lianjiang Li, "Accommodating democracy in a one-party state: introducing village elections in China," *The China Quarterly*, June, 2000. pp465-489.

9. field trip to a village: rural income and rural life in transition

- Unger 2002, chap.9: Poverty in the rural hinterlands, pp171-196.
- Naughton 2007, chap. 9: Living standards: incomes, inequality, and poverty.
- China 2020, chap.4(2): Protecting the vulnerable, pp50-59.

10. education and health care

- Lynn W. Paine, "Making schools modern: paradoxes of educational reform," in Walder 1998, pp205-238.
- Murphy 2002, chap.4.2: Education, pp92-103.
- Henderson and Stroup, "Preventive health care: privatization and the public good," in

Walder 1998, pp184-204.

Optional:

-Lorraine A. West and Christine P.W. Wong, "Fiscal decentralization and growing regional disparities in rural China," in Garnaut and Yiping Huang, 2001, pp331-346.

-Jin Xiao, "Rural classroom teaching and nonfarm jobs in Yunnan," in Gerald Postiglione 2006, pp111-135.

-Sukhan Jackson, et al, "Health finance in rural Henan: low premium insurance compared to the out-of-pocket system," *The China Quarterly*, March 2005, pp137-157.

-Jennifer Adams and Emily Hannum, "Children's social welfare in China, 1989-1997: access to health insurance and education," *The China Quarterly*, March 2005, pp100-121.

-Thomas P. Lyons, "Rural welfare in Fujian, 1976-1978: the Maoist legacy," *The China Quarterly*, December 1999, pp953-976.

-Victor Shih and Zhang Oi, "Who receives subsidies?" in Shue and Wong, 2007, pp144-.

11. income disparity and other challenges to future development

-Unger 2002, chap. 11: Assessing the post-Mao period, pp223-228.

-China 2020, chap. 8: Setting the agenda, pp97-104.

-George J. Gilboy & Eric Heginbotham, "The Latin Americanization of China?" *Current History*, September 2004, pp256-261.

Optional:

-Zhou Yingying et al, "From Labor to Capital: Intra-Village inequality in Rural China, 1988-2006," *The China Quarterly*, September 2008, pp515-534.

-Qian Rorrest Zhang, "Retreat from Equality or Advance towards Efficiency?" *The China Quarterly*, September 2008, pp535-557.

Grade determination

Class participation: 20%;

Homework: 20%;

Midterm: 10%

Term paper on a topic selected with concurrence of the instructor: 50%