

THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG  
ECON 3250  
CHINESE ECONOMY: HERITAGE AND CHANGE  
中國經濟: 傳承與變革

COURSE OUTLINE  
Second Semester 2021-2022

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Assessment Method: Term Paper: 40%; Final Exam (Open Book): 60%

TOPICS

- 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Weeks Overview of Chinese history and the debate over when China fell economically and technologically behind the West
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Weeks Ming-Qing China's foreign trade policies and comparison with the West
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Weeks The status and role of merchants in dynastic China and the West
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Weeks Market freedoms and rise of capitalism in dynastic China and the West
- 7<sup>th</sup> Week Population control and literacy rates in dynastic China and the West. Discovery of the New World and its economic significances
- 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Weeks The scientific and industrial revolutions and their economic significances
- 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Weeks Rule of Law, property rights, democracy and their relevance to economic development in dynastic China and the West
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Weeks Why China slept and implications for today

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E-TEXTBOOK:

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BOOKS ON RESERVE

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Kenneth Pomeranz, *The Great Divergence*, Princeton University Press, 2000.

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