

唐宋政治經濟史

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General Information:

This course covers some important topics in political economy that are related to the political and economic rights. Many view the most important topic in economic development as being institutions and property rights. Yet there is no consensus as to what the key institutional features are which determine the property right system. This course adopts the point of view that stylized features from institutional history offer an important opportunity to understand what the key features are and how they operate. Accordingly, we will cover topics in Tang-Song political economic history (or the Tang-Song transition) that provide insights into understanding the workings of property right systems, which largely shape the incentives to invest and innovate.

This course will be largely taught in English, but also Chinese. We will cover portions of two books: *The Chinese Market Economy, 1000 – 1500*, by William Guanglin Liu and *The Economic History of China: From Antiquity to the Nineteenth Century*, by Richard von Glahn, both in English. Relevant parts of these books will be made available for purchase at the copy store – 文苑. This material will be presented in lecture. The topics covered are intended to stimulate interest in political economy. A secondary objective of the course is to improve students' listening comprehension in English. The instructor is a native English speaker and it is hoped that experience from listening to lectures will also help students with their English.

Grading:

You are required to attend lectures the week before the midterm exam and the week before the final exam. The midterm and final exam reviews presented in these two lectures will provide you with a basis for the material on the midterm and final exams. If you do not attend these two lectures AND do not perform well on the exam material as presented in the review, it is unlikely that you will pass. Extra credit may be given for attendance. The mid-term will count for 50% of your grade and the final exam will count for 50% and extra points for attendance may count up to 10%. **All exams are open book, where the books are sold at 文苑 (2625 – 5177).** For those interested in extra credit, speak to the instructor.

Course Website:

<http://www.ronaldaedwards.com/teaching.html>