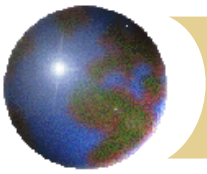


Understanding Chinese Culture

John Hooker
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September 2023



Welcome

Primary objective

- Explore cultural factors that underlie recent developments in China.

Four classes

- China update
- Basic cultural concepts
- Chinese culture in detail
- A deeper perspective





Why this topic?

- ✦ Growing tension between 2 economic superpowers
 - ❏ Media are full of negative stories about China.
 - ❏ U.S. military is preparing for war.

The New York Times

March 5, 2023

John Ismay

To Prepare for a Pacific Island Fight, Marines Hide and Attack in California

A 10-day exercise gave a new Marine regiment the chance to test war-fighting concepts the Pentagon may one day need in a battle with China.

POLITICO

The Pentagon Is Freaking Out About a Potential War With China

By MICHAEL HIRSH

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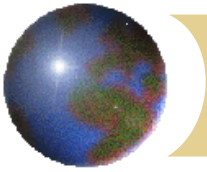


US Army Secretary Lays Out Strategy for War with China

March 01, 2023 10:57

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Natalie Liu



Why this topic?

✚ Benefits of cooperation

❏ One example: climate change.

- China has world's largest **solar** capacity, **wind** capacity, **EV** fleet.
- China is world's largest producer of **solar cells**, etc., etc.
- U.S. is capable of **pathbreaking ideas**.
- Together, maybe we can **make a difference**.





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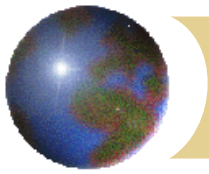
⊕ What can we do?

⊞ Mutual understanding helps.

- So that each side appreciates the **values, perspective** and **legitimate interests** of the other.
- ...and U.S. public opinion is not pushing for conflict.
- These may lead to **mutually beneficial coexistence**.



U.S.-China climate talks
July 2023



Why this topic?

✦ Besides...

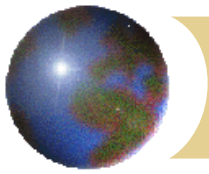
✦ China is a **complex** and **fascinating** civilization

- ...from which we can **learn** and **expand our horizons**.

✦ An attractive travel destination.

- Safe, exotic.
- But avoid Spring Festival (early Feb). Everything is booked.





For more information...

☉ Check out the course website

- ☒ Announcements
- ☒ Detailed schedule
- ☒ Slides available for download
 - At least one day before each class.
- ☒ Course objectives, etc.

