

CHINESE MARXISM

22-FOFA-MCH

Spring 2023, Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m., Room 215

30 hrs, 3 ECTS

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An elective lecture in Polish for philosophy students

General description

- a comprehensive overview of the main currents of Chinese Marxism
- an explanation of the reasons for the distinctiveness of Sino-Marxist philosophy
- an insight into the philosophical and ideological foundations of the PRC

Learning outcomes

After the module, a student:

- is familiarized with the thought of the most prominent Chinese Marxists
- possesses the ability to understand the sources of Chinese Communist ideology
- is able to analyze and compare the core concepts of Maoism and Dengism
- knows the general contribution of Chinese Marxism to the development of socialism
- has improved their intercultural communication skills

Course Requirements and Grading

Students are evaluated based on: participation in the course (20%); preparation of a short talk on a selected problem of Chinese Marxism (30%), and comprehensive oral exam covering all thinkers discussed during the classes (50%).

Syllabus

Week 1 and 2 Classical foundations of Chinese Marxism

Traditional Chinese populism * Chinese millenarianism and utopianism * Historical materialism in premodern China * Wang Fuzhi and traditional Chinese dialectics

Week 3 The background of early Chinese socialism

Gong Zizhen and Self-Strengthening Movement * Zhang Taiyan's political philosophy * Yan Fu and evolutionism in China * Liang Qichao's modernism * Kang Youwei's socialism

Week 4 and 5 The rise of Chinese socialism and Marxism

Sun Yat-sen and his socialism * Hu Hanmin * Cai Hesen: Marxism and evolutionism * Dialectical materialism of Qu Qiubai * Li Da * Chen Duxiu's democratic Marxism

Week 6 and 7 Sino-Marxism in relation to anarchism and *Lebensphilosophie*

Anarchism in China * Anarcho-feminism of He Yin-Zhen * Vitalistic anarchism of Zhu Qianzhi * The socialism of Carsun Chang * Early thought of Li Dazhao * Li Dazhao's Sino-Marxism

Week 8 Early Mao

Pre-Marxist Mao * Mao's strategic thought * *On Practice* * *On Contradiction* * *New Democracy*

Week 9 Maoism

Chairman Mao and the rise of Maoism * The ideological background of Maoist politics * Mao's revision of historical materialism * "Third World"* Permanent revolution* Late transhumanism

Week 10 Marxist historicism and Dengism

Jian Bozan's Marxist historicism and his theory of historiography * Liu Shaoqi's Marxist ethics * Deng Xiaoping: his notion of practice, historical experience, and prosperity

Week 11 Sino-Marxist dialectics

Formal logics versus dialectical logic * One into Two debate * Zhang Shiyong * Zhang Dainian

Week 12 Marxist humanism in China

Young Marx in China * Anti-humanist campaign * Wang Ruoshui's humanism * Feng Qi

Week 13 Li Zehou and Marxism

Li Zehou's Post-Marxism * Sedimentation and subjectivity * Historical ontology * Li Zehou's aesthetics and ethics * *Farewell to Revolution*

Week 14 and 15 New Left and Communist Ideology

Transformations of the CCP ideology 1989-2013 * Xi Jinping thought and its relation to Marxism * Chinese New Left * Wang Hui

General literature

1. Nick Knight, *Marxist Philosophy in China: From Qu Qiubai to Mao Zedong, 1923-1945*, Springer, Dordrecht 2005.
2. Adrian Chan, *Chinese Marxism*, Bloomsbury, New York/London 2003.
3. Tian Chenshan, *Chinese Dialectics. From Yijing to Marxism*, Lexington Books, Lanham 2005.
4. Maurice Meisner, *Li Ta-Chao and the Origins of Chinese Marxism*, Harvard UP, Cambridge 1967.
5. Robert Allinson, *The Philosophical Influences of Mao Zedong*, Bloomsbury, London 2019.
6. Bill Brugger, David Kelly, *Chinese Marxism in the Post-Mao Era*, Stanford UP, Stanford 1990.
7. Li Zehou, *A New Approach to Kant. A Confucian-Marxist's Viewpoint*, Springer, Singapore 2018.

Lectures are based on source literature. Selected fragments are translated and shared in advance for the specific classes.