

# Chinese Politics in Comparative Perspective

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# Overview

- ▶ **Main task:** Read a published peer-review article in leading political science journals to reflect on how China is researched and compared
  - Choose an article from the following journals (the article should be published after 2010 and explicitly focuses on China)
  - Bring the article to class to share with everyone in **Week 6**
  - Read the article and write an essay to answer two questions, using up to **1,000 words** (max)
  - Submit your work by **Midday, 7 April 2024**
- ▶ No external references are required or should be used

- ▶ American Political Science Review
- ▶ American Journal of Political Science
- ▶ British Journal of Political Science
- ▶ Comparative Politics
- ▶ Comparative Political Studies
- ▶ Journal of Politics
- ▶ Political Research Quarterly
- ▶ Political Studies
- ▶ Studies in Comparative International Development
- ▶ World Politics

- ▶ In your words, explain how the author(s) think China can be compared with the country (or countries). Can you identify a country that can also be included using the same comparative logic? Do you agree with such a comparison? Discuss.
- ▶ Use **Google Scholar** to explore how other scholars have cited the article you select. What are some common themes among these articles? Is the article you choose predominantly cited by scholars who specialize in China, or has it also garnered attention from scholars who do not focus on China? Do you believe that the article, while centered on China, holds broader implications for scholars who study other countries or regions? Why? Discuss.



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Institutions and inequality in single-party regimes: A comparative analysis of Vietnam and China

E Malesky, R Abrami, Y Zheng

Comparative Politics, 2011 - ingentaconnect.com

Despite the fact that China and Vietnam have been the world's two fastest growing economies over the past two decades, their income inequality patterns are very different. An examination of the political institutions in the two countries shows that profound differences between these polities influence distributional choices. In particular, as compared to China, elite institutions in Vietnam encourage the construction of broader policymaking coalitions, have more competitive selection processes, and place more

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