

新通联	3766	3970	34.16
威帝股份	3829	4170	36.70
大豪科技	3922	4099	34.18
石大胜华	1805	1950	17.06
全筑股份	2493	2782	24.88
音飞储存	2953	3258	29.53

SOCIOLOGY 188

Markets, Culture, & Inequalities in China

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Class schedule: TR 9:00 – 10:20 am

Class location: CRUESS 107

Spring 2016

Course Description: China has become a global superpower since embracing economic reform in the early 1980s. How did this rapid ascent happen? To what extent does globalized China reflect the legacies of Chinese socialism, the development model inspired by Marxism and Leninism that the Chinese Communist regime gradually abandoned? What is it like to grow up, work, date, do business, play, and live in China today? What are the areas of convergence and divergence between globalized China and the other global superpower, the United States? Based on an interdisciplinary set of original case studies, this course delves into the main challenges that confront state and society in China. Among the issues explored are economic growth, construction of market, rising inequality, state governance, social instability, middle-class consumption, corruption, sex work, love and romance, and opportunities and uncertainties for the individual. The studies are written in very comprehensible language for upper-division students across the social sciences and humanities. The goal of the course is to help students develop a firm understanding of conditions in contemporary China.



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Course Requirements: Mid-term test, final exam, class presentation with written analysis, class discussion.