

Ec 101 – Selected Topics in Economics – 9 units (3-0-6) - Markets, Politics and Growth in China 1700-2020. China was long the largest economy in the world. As is well known it fell behind Western Europe and did not begin to industrialize until the 20th century. Scholars have generally blamed the lack of markets and state intrusion for this relative poor performance. We reexamine them from the perspective of China's rapid growth where market development and government intervention have both played important roles. The class will emphasize discussion of scholarly papers, and feature brief weekly lectures. Capped at 15 undergrads.