



Direzione Ricerca,  
Innovazione e  
Internazionalizzazione

**UNIVERSITÀ  
DI TORINO**

**ID**

**VP\_042\_CPS**

## **Visiting Professor Program Academic Year 2025/2026**

**TEACHING COMMITMENT:** 54 hours

### **COURSE TITLE**

**Economy and Society in Contemporary China**

### **TEACHING PERIOD**

II semester

### **SCIENTIFIC AREA**

General Sociology

### **LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH**

English

### **COURSE SUMMARY**

The "Economy and Society in Contemporary China" course builds on other courses within the China & Global Studies concentration offered by the Corso di Laurea Magistrale in Scienze Internazionali, with the aim of providing disciplinary knowledge and skills for the study of China's political, social and economic development, in particular 1949-today.

### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- Analyze major socio-anthropological theories and concepts relevant to the study of China's economic and social transformations
- Critically evaluate how global capitalism, socialism, and neoliberalism intersect in the Chinese context
- Trace the historical evolution of China's economic reforms from the Maoist era to today
- Understand the role of state policies and political institutions in shaping contemporary Chinese society

- Explore the dynamics of China's transition from a planned economy to a market-oriented system
- Investigate the impact of globalization, industrialization, and urbanization on various social groups
- Evaluate ethnographic research and case studies on contemporary Chinese society
- Analyze state-society relations and the role of civil society in addressing social concerns
- Communicate complex ideas effectively through written assignments and presentations, including for a Chinese academic audience (in preparation for dissertation in Double Degrees).

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDE THE COURSE**

The Visiting Professor will hold a Lunch Seminar at the Dipartimento CPS and will collaborate with Dr. Andornino in the promotion of contemporary China literacy in the Corso di Laurea in Scienze Internazionali, dello Sviluppo e della Cooperazione (SISCO)

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### **VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE**

We seek a distinguished scholar with expertise in socio-anthropological and/or political science approaches to China's economic and social transformations.

Qualifications:

- a Ph.D. in Anthropology, Sociology, Political Science, International Relations, China Studies, East Asian Studies, or a related discipline
- a strong research background in topics such as economic reform, social inequality, migration, labor dynamics, or state-society relations in contemporary China
- experience in conducting ethnographic or qualitative research in Chinese contexts
- a record of peer-reviewed publications in relevant academic fields
- proven excellence in university-level teaching, with the ability to engage students from diverse academic backgrounds.

### **CONTACT REFERENT**

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