Introduction to Mao Zedong Thought

Course Syllabus

General Information
There will be four chapters in this course: Two Major Theoretical Achievements of Sinicization of Marxism, Theory on New Democratic Revolution, Socialist Transformation Theories and Theoretical Achievements of Initial Explorations of Socialist Construction Path. Each chapter will include several sections. These four chapter are same with the first four chapters of Mr. Feng’s another course “Mao Zedong Thought and Theoretical System of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics”, which could be found on 学堂在线. The latter course contains twelve chapters, including the first chapter as an introductory one, chapter2-4 concerning Mao Zedong Thought and other chapters focusing on Theoretical System of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics. For this reason, the first chapter of our course will be not only an introduction to Mao Zedong Thought, but also a brief explanation of Theoretical System of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics. Some content of chapter 1 will be beyond the field of Mao Zedong Thought. But with the context of the Theoretical System of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics, you may gain more profound and complete understanding of Mao Zedong Thought.

Pre-requisite
This course is an introductory one, with no special pre-course requirements of other courses or certain knowledge. Anyone who is interested in this topic is welcomed.

Expected Efforts
3-4 hours per week over 4 weeks

Grading Policy
There will be one assessment after each chapter. Each assessment will include 10 questions, 2.5 points per question. All four assessments will totally be 40 questions and 100 points. The sum score of all four assessments will be the final score. Learners
that aim to earn a certificate must receive an overall score of 60% or higher to qualify as a passing grade for the course.

Before the deadline of the course, **12:00 (UTC) on March 23rd, 2016**, student always has the chance to answer the questions of the assessments. Except the above assessments, there will be no mid-term or final examinations.

You can see your score using the **Progress tab** at the top of the screen, which clearly indicates how much you have completed correctly in the course so far. Once the course grades are finalized, if you have earned a certificate, you will see it available for download on your dashboard. Certificates are usually available within two weeks after a course has finished.

**Discussion Forum**

We look forward to your active participation in all aspects of the course, especially in the **Discussion** part. You are encouraged to share your ideas and questions with TAs and other students. Please follow **Discussion Forum Guidelines**, respect different views, keep an open mind and enjoy this opportunity to learn together.

**Course Schedule**

Our course will officially begin on **February 24th, 2016**, and will last for **4 weeks**. Videos, assessments and other study materials will be available at **12:00 (UTC) every Wednesday**. Please check them in the **Course** in time. The reading materials in the following part of this syllabus are also recommended. For all your convenience of study, the course videos and transcripts will be available to download.

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1.1.2 Why did Mao Zedong propose Sinicization of Marxism?
1.1.3 What are scientific connotations of Sinicization of Marxism?
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1.1.6 Differentiation of Sinicization of Marxism and related concepts
1.1.7 Relationship between the two major theoretical achievements

1.2 Mao Zedong Thought
1.2.1 Mao Zedong's "three falls and three rises"
1.2.2 How was Mao Zedong Thought proposed?
1.2.3 Main content of Mao Zedong Thought
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1.2.5 Historical status of Mao Zedong Thought

1.3 Theoretical System of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics
1.3.1 Deng Xiaoping's "three falls and three rises"
1.3.2 Formation and development of Theoretical System of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics
1.3.3 Why are Deng Xiaoping Theory, the Important Thought of "Three Representatives", and the Scientific Outlook on Development together called the Theoretical System of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics?
1.3.4 What are the three major questions in the Theoretical System of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics?
1.3.5 Correctly understand the concept of "Socialism with Chinese characteristics"

1.4 The ideological line of seeking truth from facts
1.4.1 How is the ideological line of seeking truth from facts formed?
### Chapter 1 Discussion Section

**Assessment 1**

**Week 2**
**March 2, 2016**
**12:00 (UTC)**

1.4.2 What is the scientific connotation of the ideological line of seeking truth from facts?

1.4.3 What is difficult about seeking truth from facts?

### Chapter 2 Theory on New Democratic Revolution

**Assessment 2**

**Week 3**
**March 9, 2016**
**12:00 (UTC)**

#### Chapter 2 Discussion Section

2.1 The Formation background of Theory on New Democratic Revolution

2.1.1 Analysis of the concept—"semi-colonial and semi-feudal society"

2.1.2 The "one, two, three, four, five" about modern Chinese national circumstances

2.1.3 Why was there need to carry out new democratic revolution after old democratic revolution?

2.2 General path and basic program of new democratic revolution

2.2.1 Target of new democratic revolution

2.2.2 Motive of new democratic revolution

2.2.3 Leadership in new democratic revolution

2.2.4 Nature and future of new democratic revolution

2.2.5 Guiding principles of new democratic revolution

2.3 Path and basic experience of new democratic revolution

2.3.1 Gradual formation of new democratic path

2.3.2 What is the basis for choosing new democratic revolution path?

2.3.3 Three magic weapons of new democratic revolution

2.3.4 Significance of new democratic revolution theory

### Chapter 3 Socialist Transformation Theories

3.1 Transition from New democraticism to socialism

3.1.1 Why new democratic society was called a transitional society
| 3.1.2 Changing attitude of the party on transition to socialism  |
| 3.1.3 Mao Zedong and Liu Shaoqi’s agreement and disagreement over socialist transformation  |
| 3.1.4 Basic content of the general line during transitional period  |
| 3.1.5 What is the theoretical basis for the general line during transition period?  |

### 3.2 Path and historical experience of socialist transformation

| 3.2.1 Three debates about agricultural socialist transformation  |
| 3.2.2 Socialist transformation of the agricultural sector  |
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| 3.2.4 Socialist transformation of capitalist industrial commerce  |
| 3.2.5 Historical experience of socialist transformation  |
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### 3.3 Establishment of socialist basic institutions in China and its great significance

| 3.3.1 Establishment of socialist basic institutions in China  |
| 3.3.2 Great significance of establishing socialist basic institutions  |

Chapter 3 Discussion Section

Assessment 3

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**Week 4**

**March 16, 2016**

**12:00 (UTC)**

| Chapter 4 Theoretical Achievements of Initial Explorations of Socialist Construction Path  |
| 4.1 Initial explorations into the path for socialist construction and the major theoretical achievements  |
| 4.1.1 Exploration products in <On the Ten Major Relationships>  |
| 4.1.2 <On the Correct Handling of Contradictions Among the People> and its exploration results  |
| 4.1.3 Thought of industrializing China  |
4.2 Significance, experience, and lessons in the initial explorations of the socialist construction path

4.2.1 What is the significance of the initial explorations of the socialist construction path?

4.2.2 What are the experience and lessons the initial explorations of the socialist construction path?

Chapter 4 Discussion Section

Assessment 4

**Deadline**

**March 23, 2016 12:00 (UTC)**

The deadline for all four assessments and the whole course.

**Reading Materials**

毛泽东, 《毛泽东选集》, 第 1-4 卷, 中共中央毛泽东选集出版委员会，北京：人民出版社，1991 年第 2 版。

毛泽东, 《毛泽东选集》, 第 5 卷, 中共中央毛泽东主席著作编辑出版委员会，北京：人民出版社，1977 年。


《毛泽东诗词》(英汉对照韵译)，辜正坤译，北京：北京大学出版社，1993 年。

（*Poems of Mao Zedong*, Peking: Peking University Press, 1993）

《关于若干历史问题的决议》和《关于建国以来党的若干历史问题的决议》（中国共产党中央委员会通过），北京：中共党史出版社，2010 年 3 月（2012 年 11 月修订）。