The Chinese Economy
Transition, Development, Globalization

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It seems that the global economy increasingly revolves around China. In 2010, it passed Japan to become the second largest economy in the world, and last month it passed the US to become the largest trading nation in the world. How did it achieve this, from a poor socialist country just 35 years ago? How does China’s economy work, where is it headed, and can it stay on the same path? How is “China-driven globalization” reshaping Asia and everywhere else in the world?

No prerequisites required (but highly appropriate for students with knowledge of economics, business, Asia, China, or Chinese). This comprehensive introduction is open to upper-division and graduate students in any of the social sciences, humanities, business or law that want to learn about China’s development model, banking and financial systems, macroeconomic policies, growth strategies and uneven regional development, industrial and technological upgrading, energy, consumption, commercializing food systems, the cities China is building to house hundreds of millions of migrant peasants, and why this is central to economic growth and stability.

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