

Kurzbeschreibung:

What are the dynamics of present-day Chinese society in the 21st century, and where do they come from? What is "China" and what can "being Chinese" mean today? This course explores the internal complexities and dynamics of the Chinese social world. It will mainly focus on the ongoing transformations and challenges in the circumstances of the predominantly Han Chinese society in the People's Republic of China, and examine the common historical and political trends which have contributed in shaping present-day trends. Calling into question the notion of a cultural discourse concerning Chinese national character, it will emphasize instead the political and economic choices which contributed to produce the current situation.

Literatur: