

## Course Announcement: China and the World: A Historic Perspective

Niall Ferguson, Laurence A. Tisch Professor of History at Harvard University, one of the most renowned historians in the world and Distinguished Visiting Professor of Tsinghua SEM, will teach a course “China and the World: A Historic Perspective” at Tsinghua SEM from May 5-15, 2016. The course is open to undergraduate and graduate students in Tsinghua University as well as SEM alumni.

This course is designed to give students some historical perspectives on China’s relations with the rest of the world through important events and figures.

### Course Basics

Course name: China and the World: A Historic Perspective

Course number: 40511462

2 credits

Language: English

Prerequisite: None

Venue: Room 401, Shunde Building, Tsinghua SEM

Dates and Topics:

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| 05/05/2016 (Thursday) | 18:30-21:45 | The Great Divergence   |
| 05/06/2016 (Friday)   | 18:30-21:45 | Contact: Fernão Peres de Andrade and the Zhengde Emperor, 1517 |
| 05/07/2016 (Saturday) | 13:30-16:55 | Chinese Jesus: The Taiping Rebellion                           |
| 05/08/2016 (Sunday)   | 13:30-16:55 | “The Chinese Must Go!”: California, 1882                       |
| 05/10/2016 (Tuesday)  | 18:30-21:45 | The Wilsonian Moment   |
| 05/12/2016 (Thursday) | 18:30-21:45 | The Korean War: MacArthur and China                            |
| 05/14/2016 (Saturday) | 13:30-16:55 | Nixon in China   |
| 05/15/2016 (Sunday)   | 18:30-21:45 | “Chimerica”: China, the United States and the Financial Crisis |

Notes:

- 1) Open class.
- 2) The first one hour and half of the course is the lecture by Professor Ferguson. The rest time is group discussion which is only open to registered SEM students.
- 3) Only registered SEM students could get credits.
- 4) The course is not open to any press.

## About Niall Ferguson

Niall Ferguson, MA, D.Phil., is Laurence A. Tisch Professor of History at Harvard University. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University, and a Senior Research Fellow at Jesus College, Oxford.

He has published fourteen books. His first, *Paper and Iron: Hamburg Business and German Politics in the Era of Inflation 1897-1927*, was short-listed for the History Today Book of the Year award, while the collection of essays he edited, *Virtual History: Alternatives and Counterfactuals*, was a UK bestseller. In 1998 he published to international critical acclaim *The Pity of War: Explaining World War One* and *The World's Banker: The History of the House of Rothschild*. The latter won the Wadsworth Prize for Business History and was also short-listed for the Jewish Quarterly/Wingate Literary Award and the American National Jewish Book Award. In 2001, after a year as Houlton-Norman Fellow at the Bank of England, he published *The Cash Nexus: Money and Power in the Modern World, 1700-2000*.



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Niall Ferguson is also a regular contributor to television and radio on both sides of the Atlantic. In 2003 he wrote and presented a six-part history of the British Empire for Channel 4, the UK terrestrial broadcaster. The accompanying book, *Empire: The Rise and Demise of the British World Order and the Lessons for Global Power*, was a bestseller in both Britain and the United States. The sequel, *Colossus: The Rise and Fall of the American Empire*, was published in 2004 by Penguin, and prompted Time magazine to name him one of the 100 most influential people in the world. Two years later he published *The War of the World: Twentieth-Century Conflict and the Descent of the West*, a television adaptation of which was screened by PBS in 2007. The international bestseller, *The Ascent of Money: A Financial History of the World*, followed in 2008; it too was a PBS series, winning the International Emmy award for Best Documentary. In 2011 he published *Civilization: The West and the Rest*, also a Channel 4/PBS documentary series. This was followed in 2012 by a three-part television series "China: Triumph and Turmoil".

Ferguson is an accomplished biographer. In addition to the history of the Rothschild family, he recently published *High Financier: The Lives and Time of Siegmund Warburg* (2010) and is currently writing a life of Henry Kissinger. In 2011 his film company Chimerica Media released its first feature-length documentary, "Kissinger", which won the New York International Film Festival's prize for Best Documentary. His most recent book is *The Great Degeneration: How Institutions Decay and Economies Die*, which will be published in the United States this June.

A prolific commentator on contemporary politics and economics, Niall Ferguson writes regularly for newspapers and magazines on both sides of the Atlantic. He was the Philippe Roman Visiting Professor at the London School of Economics in 2010-11 and the BBC Reith Lecturer for 2012. He is a member of the board of trustees of the American Academy in Berlin, the Museum of American Finance and the New York Historical Society. His many prizes and awards include the

Benjamin Franklin Prize for Public Service (2010) and the Hayek Prize for Lifetime Achievement (2012). He is Managing Director at Greenmantle LLC and serves on the Board of Directors of Affiliated Managers Group, Inc., a global asset management company.

Niall Ferguson is married to the acclaimed author and human rights activist Ayaan Hirsi Ali. He has four children.