

**Mass organizations in China: civil society with "Chinese characteristics"**  
**The All-China Women's Federation in international development cooperation**

Elective course, 20 class hours

The course is based on a UNIFEM project in rural Shandong Province, Linqu County, 2001 – 2002 to enhance the leadership capacities of village women. The Chinese project partner has been the Women's Federation of Linqu County.

The project is used as a background to analyze the role/position/influences of the mass organizations (MO) of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) in Chinese civil society. Contents focus on the three main MO that are even part of the CCP statute and related laws, namely the All-China Women's Federation (ACWF), the All-China Workers' Federation and the Communist Youth League. The Women's Federation is highlighted as the project partner, but also because its specific role in rural China.

**Aims of the Course**

1. students are familiar with mass organizations in a socialist state
2. students know the importance of mass organizations in international development cooperation
3. students are able to evaluate non-governmental organizing in China + aware of the new law

**Evaluation methods:**

- class attendance is compulsory; no absence allowed
- student introduction of 1 expert paper each by ppt (the introduction includes: presentation of the medium, introduction to author, main theses, relation of the text to the course). 2 pages Din A4 summary copies submitted to class.
- short essay

No	Date	contents	Student presentations texts
1	18.09.17	mass organizations in the Socialist system	mass organizations in Socialist Eastern Europe texts 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d
2		Mass organizations in China  <b>Evening</b> Film (TV documentary, time in Linqu County)	Text 1 text 2
3	19.09.17	'The Women's Federation in Maoist times	Text 3 text 4
4		The Women's Federation and its specific role in rural China	Text 5
5	20.09.17	society organizing and the party state	Text 6 text 7
6		Mass organizations in post-reform China	Texts 10 - 12
		The Women's Federation in law	

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7	21.09.17	<b>Chinese mass organizations and OBOR</b>	Text 9
8		International cooperation with the Women's Federation	