

HIST 3822. Modern China
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China today is in the midst of the fastest economic and social-cultural transformation of any nation in history. Whether we can sum up conditions in China as “socialism with Chinese characteristics,” “capitalism,” “East Asian authoritarian developmentalism” or some other label, China cannot be understood without knowledge of its revolutionary heritage and long-standing technologies of mass mobilization. And the revolutionary heritage of the twentieth century cannot be understood without a knowledge of the political, socioeconomic, and cultural systems that came under great strain in the nineteenth century.

“China” today is itself a direct product of the Qing Empire (1644-1912), which expanded the borders of the empire to nearly double the territories claimed by the Ming Empire (1368-1644). This state was falling apart in the nineteenth century, but China was strengthened and reestablished through revolutionary movements (Nationalist as well as Communist) over the course of the twentieth century.

Grading for this class is based on the following work:

- class participation and reports; quizzes: 25%
- paper 1: 25%
- paper 2: 25%
- paper 3: 25%

(There are no exams; there may be quizzes based on the reading assignments.)

Notes:

1. Plagiarism is not tolerated. See http://irc.uconn.edu/PlagiarismModule/intro_m.htm.
2. Provisions will be made for students with disabilities.
See http://www.csd.uconn.edu/accommodation_services.html.
3. Attendance is encouraged; class participation and student reports count toward your final grade.
4. Laptops, mobile phones, and other electronic doodads may not be used in class.

READINGS

Four books are required for this course and can be obtained at the UConn Co-op:

- * Keith Schoppa, *Revolution and Its Past: Identities and Change in Modern Chinese History*
- * Henrietta Harrison, *The Man Awakened from Dreams*
- * Pei-kai Cheng, et al., *The Search for Modern China: A Documentary Collection*
- * Joseph W. Esherick, *Ancestral Leaves: A Family Journey through Chinese History*

CLASS SCHEDULE

UNIT I: Overview – 3 weeks

Jan. 20: introduction

Jan. 22: *Lecture*: Overview 1: imperial polity & geography

Discussion: dynastic structure & ethnic identity

Reading: Schoppa 1-45

Jan. 27: Overview 2: “late imperial China” (the Ming-Qing world)

Discussion: Liu Dapeng, Confucianism, the Shanxi economy

Harrison, 1-50

Jan. 29: Overview 3: “domestic unrest and foreign threats”: the 19th century

Discussion: living Confucianism & political reform

Harrison, 51-112

Feb. 3: Overview 4: radicalism and revolution (c. 1900-1949)

Discussion: economic & political decline

Harrison, 113-170

Feb. 5: Overview 5: “Communist China” (1949-)

Discussion: the “high Qing” (17th-18th centuries)

Cheng, 1-53

Unit II: The Qing world through the 19th century – 3 weeks

Feb. 10: Qing formation, conquest, and consolidation

Discussion: papers

****paper one due: analysis of Harrison*

Feb. 12: Structural problems at the end of the 18th century

Discussion: into the 19th century

Cheng, 54-93

Feb. 17: The Opium War (1839-42) and the mid-century rebellions

Discussion: state breakdown

Schoppa, 46-106

Feb. 19: The “Tongzhi Restoration”: reform

Discussion: mid-19th century crises

Cheng, 94-133

Feb. 24: Imperialism, Christian missionaries, and the Boxers

Discussion: late Qing

Schoppa, 106-124; Cheng 134-178

Feb. 26: reform, and nationalism

Discussion: late Qing reformism

Schoppa, 125-142; Cheng, 179-218

Unit III: 20th c: war, revolution, reform: 6 weeks

- Mar. 3: The 1911 Revolution and republicanism
Discussion: fall of the Qing and the early Republic
Schoppa, 125-180
- Mar. 5: Establishing a Republic: politicization
Discussion: New Culture movement
Cheng, 219-289
- Mar. 10: Warlordism, New Culture, May Fourth
Discussion: growth of the CCP
Schoppa, 181-240
- Mar. 12: The “National Revolution” & Nanjing decade
Discussion: the rise of Communism
Schoppa, 241-259; Cheng, 290-317
- ***March 15-22 Spring break***
- Mar. 24-26: film: “Gate of Heavenly Peace”
- Mar. 31: Communist revolution, 1949
Discussion: papers; understanding revolution
Schoppa, 260-304; Cheng 342-344
- ****paper two due: analysis of Gate of Heavenly Peace****
- Apr. 2: Consolidation of the People’s Republic, and disaster
Discussion: orthodoxy and dissent
Schoppa, 304-345; Cheng, 362-386 & 412-436
- April 7: The Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution
Discussion: Maoism unleashed
Schoppa 346-364; Cheng, 441-459
- Apr. 9: Deng Xiaoping and the roots of reformism
Discussion: modernization and democracy
Schoppa, 365-389; Cheng, 493-513
- Apr. 14: “Tiananmen,” oppression, and modernization
Discussion: the meaning of tradition today
Schoppa, 390-416; Cheng, 528-536 & 547-565
- Apr. 16: Taiwan; the fate of the Nationalists
Discussion: Taiwan issues
Schoppa, 417-439; Cheng, 350-360 & 389-393

Unit IV: Review: 2 weeks

Apr. 21: China in the 19th century

Discussion: Esherick, 1-68

Apr. 23: The late Qing

Discussion: Esherick, 69-128

Apr. 28: Republican China

Discussion: Esherick, 129-219

Apr. 30: Communist China

Discussion: Esherick, 220-316

****paper three due: analysis of Esherick*

Recommended further reading:

(this list is partial and idiosyncratic; categories are vague, overlapping, and arbitrary)

1. Qing world/late imperial China:

- Timothy Brook, *The Confusions of Pleasure: Commerce and Culture in Ming China*
Wm. Theodore de Bary, ed., *Self and Society in Ming Thought*
Lloyd Eastman, *Family, Fields, and Ancestors: Constancy and Change in China's Social and Economic History, 1550-1949*
Philip C.C. Huang, *The Peasant Economy and Social Change in North China*
-----, *The Peasant Family and Rural Development in the Yangzi Delta, 1350-1988*
Frederic Wakeman, Jr., *The Great Enterprise: The Manchu Reconstruction of Imperial Order in Seventeenth-Century China*
Philip Kuhn, *Soulstealers: The Chinese Sorcery Scare of 1768*
Susan Naquin and Evelyn S. Rawski, *Chinese Society in the Eighteenth Century*
Kenneth Pomeranz, *The Great Divergence: China, Europe, and the Making of the Modern World Economy*
R. Bin Wong, *China Transformed: Historical Change and the Limits of European Experience*
Peter C. Perdue, *China Marches West: The Qing Conquest of Central Eurasia*
Mark C. Elliott, *The Manchu Way: The Eight Banners and Ethnic Identity in Late Imperial China*
-----, *Emperor Qianlong: Son of Heaven, Man of the World*
Jonathan D. Spence, *The Death of Woman Wang*
-----, *Emperor of China: Self-Portrait of K'ang-Hsi*
-----, *Treason by the Book*
Susan Mann, *Precious Records: Women in China's Long Eighteenth Century*
David Johnson, Andrew J. Nathan, and Evelyn S. Rawski, eds., *Popular Culture in Late Imperial China*
Evelyn S. Rawski, *The Last Emperors: A Social History of Qing Imperial Institutions*
Pamela Crossley, *A Translucent Mirror: History and Identity in Qing Imperial Ideology*
Benjamin A. Elman, *From Philosophy to Philology: Intellectual and Social Aspects of Change in Late Imperial China*
-----, *A Cultural History of Civil Examinations in Late Imperial China*
William T. Rowe, *Saving the World: Chen Hongmou and Elite Consciousness in Eighteenth-Century China*
-----, *Hankow: Commerce and Society in a Chinese City, 1796-1889*
-----, *Hankow: Conflict and Community in a Chinese City, 1796-1895*
Susan Naquin, *Peking: Temples and City Life, 1400-1900*

2. 19th century China

- Kung-chuan Hsiao, *Rural China: Imperial Control in the Nineteenth Century*
Mary Clabaugh Wright, *The Last Stand of Chinese Conservatism*
Frederic Wakeman, Jr., *Strangers at the Gate: Social Disorder in South China, 1839-1861*
Arthur Waley, *The Opium War through Chinese Eyes*
Jane Kate Leonard, *Controlling from Afar: The Daoguang Emperor's Management of the Grand Canal Crisis, 1824-1826*
Jonathan Spence, *God's Chinese Son: The Taiping Heavenly Kingdom of Hong Xiuquan*

Tobie Meyer-Fong, *What Remains: Coming to Terms with Civil War in 19th Century China*
Hardcover

James L. Hevia, *English Lessons: The Pedagogy of Imperialism in Nineteenth-Century China*

Philip A. Kuhn, *Origins of the Modern Chinese State*

Elizabeth J. Perry, *Rebels and Revolutionaries in North China, 1845-1945*

Kathryn Bernhardt, *Rent, Taxes, and Peasant Resistance: The Lower Yangzi Region, 1840-1950*

S. C. M. Paine, *The Sino-Japanese War of 1894-1895: Perceptions, Power and Primacy*

Rebecca E. Karl and Peter Zarrow, eds., *Rethinking the 1898 Reform Period: Political and Cultural Change in Late Qing China*

Joseph W. Esherick, *The Origins of the Boxer Uprising*

Paul A. Cohen, *History in Three Keys: The Boxers as Event, Experience, and Myth*

Mary Backus Rankin, *Elite Activism and Political Transformation in China: Zhejiang Province, 1865-1911*

Wen-hsin Yeh, *Shanghai Splendor: Economic Sentiments and the Making of Modern China, 1843-1949*

Meng Yue, *Shanghai and the Edges of Empires*

Ramon Myers, *The Chinese Peasant Economy: Agricultural Development in Hopei and Shantung, 1890-1949* (Harvard University Press, 1970)

Loren Brandt, *Commercialization and Agricultural Development in Central and Eastern China: 1870-1937*

David Faure, *Rural Economy of Pre-Liberation China: Trade Expansion and Peasant Livelihood in Jiangsu and Guangdong, 1870 to 1937*

3. 1900-1949

3a) background and 1911 Revolution

Jonathan Spence, *The Gate of Heavenly Peace: The Chinese and Their Revolution, 1895-1980*

Joseph R. Levenson, *Confucian China and Its Modern Fate: A Trilogy*

Mary Wright, ed., *China in Revolution: The First Phase, 1900-1913*

Joseph Esherick, *Reform and Revolution in China: The 1911 Revolution in Hunan and Hubei*

Edward J. M. Rhoads, *Manchus and Han: Ethnic Relations and Political Power in Late Ch'ing and Early Republican China, 1861-1928*

Michael Gasster, *Chinese Intellectuals and the Revolution of 1911: The Birth of Modern Chinese Radicalism*

Mary Backus Rankin, *Early Chinese Revolutionaries: Radical Intellectuals in Shanghai and Chekiang, 1902-1911*

Peter Zarrow, *China in War and Revolution 1895-1949*

-----, *Anarchism and Chinese Political Culture*

Marie-Claire Bergère, *Sun Yat-sen*

Rebecca Karl, *Staging the World: Chinese Nationalism at the Turn of the Twentieth Century*

3b) Republican/Nationalist period (to 1930s)

Rana Mitter, *A Bitter Revolution: China's Struggle with the Modern World*

Henrietta Harrison, *The Making of the Republican Citizen: Political Ceremonies and Symbols in China, 1911-1929*

Bryna Goodman, *Native Place, City, and Nation: Regional Networks and Identities in Shanghai, 1853-1937*
 Marie-Claire Bergère, *The Golden Age of the Chinese Bourgeoisie, 1911-1937*
 Prasenjit Duara, *Culture, Power, and the State: Rural North China, 1900-1942*
 -----, *Rescuing History From the Nation: Questioning Narratives of Modern China*
 Arif Dirlik, *Anarchism in the Chinese Revolution*
 Frank Dikötter, *Things Modern: Material Culture and Everyday Life in China*
 Sally Borthwick, *Education and Social Change in China: The Beginning of the Modern Era*
 Robert Culp, *Articulating Citizenship: Civic Education and Student Politics in Southeastern China, 1912-1940*
 Julia C. Strauss, *Strong Institutions in Weak Polities: State Building in Republican China*
 Jerome B. Grieder, *Intellectuals and the State in Modern China*
 Joseph W. Esherick, *Remaking the Chinese City: Modernity and National Identity, 1900-1950*
 David Strand, *Rickshaw Beijing: City People and Politics in the 1920s*
 Madeleine Yue Dong, *Republican Beijing: The City and its Histories*
 Janet Y. Chen, *Guilty of Indigence: The Urban Poor in China, 1900-1953*
 Ruth Rogaski, *Hygienic Modernity: Meanings of Health and Disease in Treaty-Port China*

3c) warlordism; rise of Nationalists; May Fourth movement

Edward W. McCord, *The Power of the Gun: The Emergence of Modern Chinese Warlordism*
 Hsi-sheng Ch'i, *Warlord Politics in China, 1916-1928*
 Tse-tung Chow, *The May Fourth Movement: Intellectual Revolution in Modern China*
 Vera Schwarcz, *The Chinese Enlightenment: Intellectuals and the Legacy of the May Fourth Movement of 1919*
 Yüsheng Lin, *The Crisis of Chinese Consciousness: Radical Anti-traditionalism in the May Fourth Era*
 Jeffrey Wasserstrom, *Student Protests in Twentieth-Century China: The View from Shanghai*
 Timothy B. Weston, *The Power of Position: Beijing University, Intellectuals, and Chinese Political Culture, 1898-1929*
 John Fitzgerald, *Awakening China: Politics, Culture, and Class in the Nationalist Revolution*
 Lloyd Eastman, *The Abortive Revolution: China under Nationalist Rule, 1927-1937*
 Edmund Fung, *In Search of Chinese Democracy: Civil Opposition in Nationalist China, 1929-1949*
 Elizabeth J. Perry, *Shanghai on Strike: The Politics of Chinese Labor*
 -----, *Patrolling the Revolution: Worker Militias, Citizenship, and the Modern Chinese State*
 Frederic Wakeman Jr., *Policing Shanghai, 1927-1937*
 -----, *The Shanghai Badlands: Wartime Terrorism and Urban Crime, 1937-1941*
 Emily Honig, *Sisters and Strangers: Women in the Shanghai Cotton Mills, 1919-1949*
 Gail Hershatter, *The Workers of Tianjin, 1900-1949*
 Henrietta Harrison, *The Man Awakened from Dreams: One Man's Life in a North China Village, 1857-1942*
 Andrew D. Morris, *A History of Sport and Physical Culture in Republican China*
 Thomas G. Rawski, *China's Republican Economy: An Introduction*
 -----, *Economic Growth in Prewar China*

3d) gender, women's history

Elisabeth Croll, *Feminism and Socialism in China*
 Ono Kazuko, *Chinese Women in a Century of Revolution, 1850-1950*
 Mechthild Leutner and Nicola Spakowski, eds., *Women in China: The Republican Period in Historical Perspective*
 Christina Gilmartin, *Engendering the Chinese Revolution: Radical Women, Communist Politics, and Mass Movements in the 1920s*
 Gail Hershatter, *Dangerous Pleasures: Prostitution and Modernity in Twentieth-Century Shanghai*
 Wang Zheng, *Women in the Chinese Enlightenment*
 Haiyan Lee, *Revolution of the Heart: A Genealogy of Love in China, 1900-1950*
 Eugenia Lean, *Public Passions: The Trial of Shi Jianqiao and the Rise of Popular Sympathy in Republican China*

3e) Pacific War (1937-45) and Communist Revolution (1930s-1949)

Hsi-sheng Ch'i, *Nationalist China at War: Military Defeats and Political Collapse, 1937-1945*
 James C. Hsiung and Steven I. Levine, eds., *China's Bitter Victory: The War with Japan, 1937-1945*
 David P. Barrett and Larry N. Shyu, eds., *China in the Anti-Japanese War, 1937-1945: Politics, Culture, and Society*
 -----, *Chinese Collaboration with Japan, 1932-1945*
 Hans J. van de Ven, *War and Nationalism in China, 1925-1945*
 Timothy Brook, *Collaboration: Japanese Agents and Local Elites in Wartime China*
 Lucien Bianco, *Peasants Without the Party: Grass-roots Movements in Twentieth-Century China*
 -----, *Origins of the Chinese Revolution*
 Arif Dirlik, *The Origins of Chinese Communism*
 Hans van de Ven, *From Friend to Comrade: The Founding of the Chinese Communist Party, 1920-1927*
 Wen-hsin Yeh, *Provincial Passages: Culture, Space, and the Origins of Chinese Communism*
 Harold R. Isaacs, *The Tragedy of the Chinese Revolution*
 Kathleen Hartford and Steven M. Goldstein, eds., *Single Sparks: China's Rural Revolutions*
 Raymond Wylie, *The Emergence of Maoism: Mao Tse-tung, Ch'en Po-ta, and the Search for Chinese Theory, 1935-1945*
 Brantly Womack, *The Foundations of Mao Zedong's Political Thought, 1917-1935*
 Yung-fa Chen, *Making Revolution: The Communist Movement in Eastern and Central China, 1937-1945*
 David Goodman, *Social and Political Change in Revolutionary China: The Taihang Base Area in the War of Resistance to Japan, 1937-1945*
 Ralph Thaxton, *Salt of the Earth: The Political Origins of Peasant Protest and Communist Revolution in China*
 Odoric Wou, *Mobilizing the Masses: Building Revolution in Henan*
 Chongyi Feng and David Goodman, eds., *North China at War: The Social Ecology of Revolution, 1937-1945*
 Tony Saich and Hans van de Ven, eds., *New Perspectives on the Chinese Communist Revolution*
 Chalmers Johnson, *Peasant Nationalism and Communist Power: The Emergence of Revolutionary China, 1937-1945*

4. Maoist era 1949-1976

Franz Schurmann, *Ideology and Organization in Communist China*

William L. Parish and Martin King Whyte, *Village and Family in Contemporary China*

-----, *Urban Life in Contemporary China*

Richard C. Kraus, *Class Conflict in Chinese Socialism*

Timothy Creek, ed., *A Critical Introduction to Mao Zedong*

Joseph W. Esherick et al., eds., *The Chinese Cultural Revolution as History*

Lu Xiaobo and Elizabeth J. Perry, *Danwei: The Changing Chinese Workplace in Historical and Comparative Perspective*

Elizabeth J. Perry and Li Xun, *Proletarian Power: Shanghai in the Cultural Revolution*

Chang-tai Hung, *Mao's New World: Political Culture in the Early People's Republic*

Frederick Wakeman Jr., *History and Will: Philosophical Perspectives of Mao Tse-tung's Thought*

David E. Apter and Tony Saich, *Revolutionary Discourse in Mao's Republic*

Edward Friedman, Paul G. Pickowicz, Mark Selden, *Chinese Village, Socialist State*

-----, *Revolution, Resistance, and Reform in Village China*

5. "Reform" era, 1976-

Jean C. Oi, *Rural China Takes Off: Institutional Foundations of Economic Reform*

Sebastian Heilmann and Elizabeth J. Perry, eds., *Mao's Invisible Hand: The Political Foundations of Adaptive Governance in China*

Elizabeth J. Perry and Merle Goldman, eds., *Grassroots Political Reform in Contemporary China*

Baogang He, *The Democratic Implications of Civil Society in China*

Dorothy J. Solinger, *Contesting Citizenship in Urban China*

Bruce J. Dickson, *Red Capitalists in China: The Party, Private Entrepreneurs, and Prospects for Political Change*

Elizabeth J. Perry and Mark Selden, eds., *Chinese Society: Change, Conflict, and Resistance*

WEBSITES

-<http://chinadigitaltimes.net>

-<http://blog.lareviewofbooks.org/chinablog>

-<http://www.chinasmack.com>

-<http://www.hrw.org/asia/china>