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HUMA5510: Pre-Modern Chinese History

This course is designed for research postgraduate students to familiarize them with major debates in pre-modern Chinese history, and to explore what it means to conduct historical research and engage with the literature. The cours

Course Hours:

Tuesdays: 10:30am – 1:20pm

Location:

Rm 2304, Lift 17-18

Evaluation:

40% class participation

25% presentation

35% written report

CILOs:

1. Develop a comprehension of traditional Chinese culture and history from a comparative perspective
2. Identify and describe the mainstream in the research, especially the latest development in the frontier
3. Develop a critical view of sources and an independent perspective to approach the issues in discussion
4. Demonstrate improved writing skills

Final Assignment:

The main written project for this course is a written report/presentation of the career and work of one historian. It should cover

Late assignments:

Assignments are due at the beginning of class of the days when they are due, and anything submitted subsequent to the due

Class schedule:

Feb 2nd: What do historians do?

Feb 9th: Max Weber and China

Joseph Esherick, "Cherishing Sources from Afar," review of *Cherishing Men from Afar: Qing Guest Ritual and the Macartney Embassy*, 61.

James L. Hevia, "Postpolemical Historiography," response to Joseph Esherick, *Modern China* 24:3 (1998), 319-27.

Joseph Esherick, "Traduttore, Traditore: A Reply to James Hevia," *Modern China* 24:3 (1998), 328-32.

Mar 2nd: A China Centered History

Philip A. Kuhn, *Rebellion and Its Enemies in Late Imperial China: Militarization and Social Structure, 1796-1864*, Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1980. Introduction.

Paul A. Cohen, *Discovering History in China: American Historical Writing on the Recent Chinese Past*, New York: Columbia University Press, 1990.

Mar 9th: Gentry, Literati, Elites

Chung-li Chang, *The Chinese Gentry: Studies on Their Role in Nineteenth Century Chinese Society*, Seattle: University of Washington Press, 1955.
Chu Tung-tsu, *Local Government in China under the Ch'ing*, Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1962.

Prasenjit Duara, *Culture, Power, and the State: Rural North China, 1900-1942*, Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1989.

Joseph W. Esherick and Mary Backus Rankin, *Chinese Local Elites and Patterns of Dominance*, Berkeley: University of California Press, 1990.

Mar 16th: Meritocracy in Imperial China

Ping-ti Ho, *Ladder of Success in Imperial China: Aspects of Social Mobility, 1368-1911*, New York: Columbia University Press, 1962.

Robert Hymes, *Statesmen and Gentlemen: The Elite of Fu-chou, Chiang-hsi, in Northern and Southern Sung*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1986.

Benjamin A. Elman, "Political, Social, and Cultural Reproduction via Civil Service Examinations in Late Imperial China," *The Journal of Chinese Studies* 28.

Lawrence Zhang, "Legacy of Success: Office Purchase and State-Elite Relations in Qing China," *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies* 97.

Mar 23rd: New Qing History

Ping-ti Ho, "The Significance of the Ch'ing-Period," *JAS* 26:2 (Feb 1967), 189-95.

Evelyn Rawski, "Reenvisioning the Qing: The Significance of the Qing Period in Chinese History," *JAS* 55:4 (Nov 1996), 829-55.

Ping-ti Ho, "In Defense of Sinicization: A Rebuttal of Evelyn Rawski's 'Reenvisioning the Qing'," *JAS* 57:1 (Feb 1998), 123-55.

Mark C. Elliott, *The Manchu Way*, Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2002.

Li Zhiting, "A Righteous View of History"

<http://cmp.hku.hk/2015/04/22/a-righteous-view-of-history/>

http://www.cssn.cn/zx/201504/t20150420_1592588.shtml

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Mar 30th: Economic growth or lackthereof

Mark Elvin, *The Pattern of the Chinese Past: A Social and Economic Interpretation*, Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1973.

Philip C. C. Huang, *The Peasant Family and Rural Development in the Yangzi Delta, 1350-1988*, Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1985.

Kenneth Pomeranz, *The Great Divergence: China, Europe, and the Making of the Modern World Economy*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2000.

Andrew B. Liu, "Incense and Industry: Labour and Capital in the Tea Districts of Huizhou, China," *Past and Present* 230:1 (2015), 1-48.

Apr 27th: Presentation of final assignment