

Modern China

HTS 3061
Spring 2010
MWF 12-1 pm
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

From the mid-nineteenth century on China has undergone tremendous political and socioeconomic changes, at the same time traditionalism still persists in many aspects of Chinese life. This course examines the decline of Confucian order, the impact of the West, the Communist revolution, the role of nationalism, Maoism, current economic and political reforms, and the resurgence of China as a world power. Of particular concern will be the changes and continuities of traditional Chinese society in the modern world.

REQUIRED READINGS:

John King Fairbank and Merle Goldman, *China: A New History*. Second Enlarged Edition. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2006.

Hanchao Lu, *Beyond the Neon Lights: Everyday Shanghai in the Early Twentieth Century*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 2004.

Hanchao Lu, *The Birth of A Republic: The Birth of a Republic: Francis Stafford's Photographs of China's 1911 Revolution and Beyond*. Seattle, WA: University of Washington Press, 2010.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Quizzes	30%
2. Midterm	20%
3. Take-home Final Exam	40%
4. Attendance	10%

In evaluating a student's performance, consideration will also be given to informed participation in discussions.

SCHEDULE OF CLASS MEETINGS AND READINGS

- Week 1 January 10-14
 Chinese Civilization: An Overview
 Fairbank, 1-25
- Week 2 January 17 (Official holiday) -21
 China's World Order and the Western Intrusion
 Fairbank, 128-203;
 Film: *The Two Coasts of China*
- Week 3 January 24-28
 Reform, Rebellion, and Revolution
 Fairbank, 206-234
- Week 4 January 31-February 4
 The End of Chinese Monarchy
 Fairbank, 255-265; Lu (2010), Parts 1-2
- Week 5 February 7-11
 The May 4th Movement
 Fairbank, 266-278
- Week 6 February 14-18
 The Rise of the Chinese Communist Party
 Fairbank, 279-311
 Film: *China, A Revolution Revisited*
- Week 7 February 21-25
 The Republican China
 Fairbank, 312-341
- Week 8 February 28-March 4
 Rural-Urban Relations in China
 Lu (2004), Chapters 1-3
- Week 9 March 7-11
 Review and Midterm
 Lu (2010), Parts 3-4
- Midterm: Friday, March 11
- Week 10 March 14-18
 Mao, Maoism and the PRC's New Order
 Fairbank, 343-367; Lu (2004), Chapters 4-6

Spring Break: March 21-25

- Week 11 March 28-April 1
Political Campaigns in the PRC
Fairbank, 368-405
Film: *The Mao Years, 1949-1976*
- Week 12 April 4-8
The Communist Control-and-Concern Dualism
Fairbank, 406-445
- Week 13 April 11-15
China's "Quiet Revolution"
Fairbank, 451-455
- Week 14 April 18-22
China after Deng
Fairbank, 429-451
- Week 15 April 25-29
China in the 21st Century
Review for Final Examination
Fairbank, 457-469

Students will have the topics and guidelines for the take-home final essays in Week 14. The essays are due on Monday, May 2, at 2:00 pm in Room 122, Old CE Building.