This course, in part, is a survey of the major social, intellectual and political developments in China in the century and a half prior to the Chinese Communist victory of 1949. In part, it is an inquiry into the historical origins and the social nature of the Chinese Communist Revolution. Part I of the course examines the decay of the traditional Chinese imperial order and the nature of the Taiping Rebellion. Part II is concerned with the impact of 19th century Western imperialism on traditional Chinese society and the emergence of modern revolutionary movements, culminating in the Revolution of 1911. Parts III and IV focus largely on the history of Marxism and Communism in China through the year 1949. No prior knowledge of Chinese history is presupposed.

Requirements:

1. A final take-home exam based on the lectures and required readings listed below. Exam questions will be distributed on Tuesday December 10 and your essays are due on or before December 17.

2. A short paper (8-10 typewritten pages, double-spaced) selected from one of the topics and books listed on the attached pages. These should not be book reviews; rather, the book or books you read should be used as sources for papers or essays of your own design and interpretation. Topics and books other than those suggested here may be chosen, although in such cases it would be wise to consult the instructor beforehand. Papers are due on or before December 3.

Grading: 60% for the final exam; 40% for the paper.
History 341 (Fall, 1985): Lectures and Readings

Part I: The Decay of the Old Order, 1800-1865

Sept. 3: Introduction to Modern Chinese History
Sept. 5: Feudalism and Capitalism in Chinese History
Sept. 10: State and Society in Traditional China: The Gentry as a Ruling Class
Sept. 12: Confucianism as a Conservative Ideology
Sept. 17: Early Sino-Western Relations and the Opium Wars
Sept. 19: Traditional Peasant Rebellions and the Taiping Rebellion
Sept. 24: The Revolutionary Character of Taiping Christianity

Readings:
1. Frederic Wakeman, The Fall of Imperial China, chapters 1-8 (pp. 1-162)
2. Franz Michael, The Taiping Rebellion

Part II: Reaction and Revolution, 1865-1911

Sept. 26: The Failure of Conservative Modernization
Oct. 1: The Defection of the Intellectuals and the Hundred Days Reform
Oct. 3: The Boxer Rebellion
Oct. 8: Nationalism versus Anti-foreignism
Oct. 10: Sun Yat-sen and the Origins of the Kuomintang
Oct. 15: Socialism and Anarchism in the Early Revolutionary Movement
Oct. 17: Imperialism and Capitalism in Modern China
Oct. 22: The Revolution of 1911

Readings:
1. Wakeman, The Fall of Imperial China, chapters 9-11 (pp. 163-256)
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Part III: The Origins of Marxism and Communism in China, 1915-1927

Oct. 29: The May Fourth Movement
Oct. 31: The Introduction of Marxism
Nov. 5: The Birth and Early Years of the Chinese Communist Party
Nov. 7: The Soviet Union and the Kuomintang-Communist Alliance
Nov. 12: Nationalism and Social Revolution, 1925-27
Nov. 14: The Significance of 1927

Readings:
1. Lucien Bianco, Origins of the Chinese Revolution, 1915-49, chapters 1-3 (pp.1-81)
2. Either Harold Isaacs, The Tragedy of the Chinese Revolution
or Maurice Meisner, Li Ta-chao and the Origins of Chinese Marxism

Part IV: The Chinese Communist Revolution, 1927-1949

Nov. 19: Kuomintang China
Nov. 21: Mao Tse-tung and the Chinese Peasantry
Nov. 26: The Kiangsi Soviet and the Long March
Dec. 3: Yenan Communism (1935-45)
Dec. 5: The Theory of Peasant Nationalism
Dec. 10: Maoism and the Marxist-Leninist Tradition
Dec. 12: The Chinese and Russian Revolutions: A Comparison

Readings:
1. Bianco, Origins of the Chinese Revolution, chs. 4-7 and Concl. (pp. 82-208)
2. Edgar Snow, Red Star Over China
Suggested Paper Topics and Readings

1. The Nature of the Gentry Class
   Fei Hsiao-t'ung, China's Gentry
   Ch'eng Ch'ung-I, The Chinese Gentry

2. The Taiping Revolution
   Franz Michael, The Taiping Rebellion
   Vincent Shih, The Taiping Ideology
   Philip Kuhn, Rebellion and Its Enemies in Late Imperial China

3. Traditional Society and the Failure of Modernization
   Mary C. Wright, The Last Stand of Chinese Conservatism
   Barrington Moore, Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy, ch. 4.

4. The Decay of Confucianism
   Joseph Levenson, Confucian China and Its Modern Fate
   Benjamin Schwartz, In Search of Wealth and Power: Yen Fu and the West
   Joseph Levenson, Liang Ch'i-ch'ao and the Mind of Modern China

5. The Early Revolutionary Movement
   Edward Friedman, Backward Toward Revolution
   Mary Rankin, Early Chinese Revolutionaries
   Michael Gasster, Chinese Intellectuals and the Revolution of 1911
   Harold Schiffrin, Sun Yat-sen and the Origins of the Chinese Revolution

6. The May Fourth Movement
   Chow Tse-tsung, The May Fourth Movement
   Jerome Grieder, Hu Shih and the Chinese Renaissance

7. The Origins of Marxism and Communism in China
   Lee Feigon, Chen Duxiu: Founder of the Chinese Communist Party
   Maurice Meisner, Li Ta-chao and the Origins of Chinese Marxism
   Benjamin Schwartz, Chinese Communism and the Rise of Mao

8. The Urban Working Class
   Jean Chesneaux, The Chinese Labor Movement, 1919-27
   Lynda Shaffer, Mao and the Workers

9. The Revolution of the 1920s as Reflected in Western Literature
   Andre Maulraux, Man's Fate
   Andre Malraux, The Conquerers
   Richard McKenna, The Sand Pebbles
10. The Kuomintang in Power
   Lyoyd Eastman, *The Abortive Revolution*
   Sterling Seagrave, *The Soong Dynasty*
   James Sheridan, *China in Disintegration*

11. Marxism in China: Theories of History and Literature
   Arif Dirlik, *Revolution and History: Origins of Marxist Historiography in China*
   Paul Pickowicz, *Ch‘u Chi-pai and the Origins of Chinese Marxist Literary Criticism*

12. Chinese Women in an Era of Revolutionary Change
   Marilyn Young (ed.), *Women in China*
   Helen F. Snow, *Women in Modern China*
   Elisabeth Croll (ed.), *The Women's Movement in China*
   Agnes Smedley, *Portraits of Chinese Women in Revolution*

13. Mao Tse-tung
   Mao's autobiography in Edgar Snow, *Red Star Over China*
   Stuart Schram, *Mao Tse-tung*
   Jerome Chen, *Mao and the Chinese Revolution*

14. Maoism as a Variant of Marxism-Leninism
   Benjamin Schwartz, *Chinese Communism and the Rise of Mao*
   Stuart Schram, *Mao Tse-tung*
   Maurice Meisner, *Marxism, Maoism and Utopianism*
   Raymond Wylie, *The Emergence of Maoism*

15. Social and Economic Origins of Rural Revolution
   R.H. Tawney, *Land and Labour in China*
   Fei Hsiao-tung, *Peasant Life in China*
   Robert Marks, *Rural Revolution in South China: Peasants and the Making of History in Haifeng County, 1570-1930*

16. The Nature of the Chinese Communist Revolution: Nationalism and Social Revolution
   Chalmers Johnson, *Peasant Nationalism and Communist Power*
   Mark Selden, *The Yenan Way in Revolutionary China*

17. The Kuomintang-Communist Struggle; the Last Phase
   Suzanne Pepper, *Civil War in China: The Political Struggle, 1945-49*
   Jack Belden, *China Shakes the World*

18. Other Aspects of the History of Chinese Communism
   Angus McDonald, *Urban Origins of Rural Revolution*
   Dick Wilson, *The Long March*
   Agnes Smedley, *The Great Road: The Life and Times of Chu Teh*
   William Hinton, *Fanshen: A Documentary of Revolution in a Chinese Village*