

History 658: History of the People's Republic of China, 1949 -- present

Spring 1979
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Requirements:

1. A term paper (about 15 typewritten pages) due on or before May 14.
2. A final take-home exam to be distributed on May 14 and due on May 21.

Lectures, Discussions and Readings

January 22 - February 9: The Historical and Revolutionary Background

Survey of the Chinese Communist Revolution, 1921-49

The Origins and Nature of Maoism

Readings: Stuart Schram, Mao Tse-tung (Penguin), chs. 1-8.

Mark Selden, The Yen-an Way in Revolutionary China (Harvard),
ch. 6.

Gregor Benton, "The Yen-an Opposition," New Left Review, No. 92,
pp. 93-106.

February 12 - March 1: The People's Republic and the Soviet Model, 1949-55

Revolutionaries Turned Rulers

Consolidation of State Power

Ideology of the New State

The Cities

Land Reform Campaign

Fist Five Year Plan

Social and Political Consequences of Industrialization

Readings: Schram, Mao Tse-tung, ch. 9.

Mao Tse-tung, "On People's Democratic Dictatorship"

Franz Schurmann, Ideology and Organization in Communist China
(California paperback; second, enlarged edition),
pp. 1-283, 309-339, 365-380, 404-442.

March 5 - March 30: Post-Revolutionary Maoism, 1955-60

Agricultural Collectivization

The Hundred Flowers Era

The Great Leap Forward Campaign

Readings: Schram, Mao Tse-tung, ch. 10.

Schurmann, Ideology and Organization, pp. 442-500, 380-403.

Mao Tse-tung, "On the Co-operative Transformation of Agriculture," in Selected Works of Mao Tse-tung (Peking, 1977), Vol. V, pp. 184-234.

Mao Tse-tung, "Prefaces" and "Notes" to Socialist Upsurge in China's Countryside, Selected Works, V, pp. 235-276.

Mao Tse-tung, "On the Correct Handling of Contradictions Among the People," Selected Works, V, pp. 384-421.

Mao Tse-tung, writings and speeches, Selected Works, V, pp. 448-482.

Chairman Mao Talks to the People: Talks and Letters, 1956-71
(Edited by Stuart Schram; Pantheon paperback), texts 1-7
(pp. 61-157).

Jack Gray, "The Two Roads," in Stuart Schram (ed.), Authority, Participation and Cultural Change in China (Cambridge paperback), pp. 109-158.

April 2-13: The Liuist Regime, 1960-65

The New Economic Policy

The Problem of Bureaucracy

The Socialist Education Movement

Readings: Chairman Mao Talks to the People, texts 8-15 (pp. 158-252).

April 16 - May 4: The Cultural Revolution, 1965-69

Readings: David and Nancy Milton, The Wind Will Not Subside: Years in Revolutionary China, 1964-1969 (Pantheon paperback).

Chairman Mao Talks to the People, texts 16-25 (pp. 253-289).

Stuart Schram (ed.), Authority, Participation and Cultural Change in China, pp. 1-108, 159-330.

May 17-18: The Close of the Maoist Era and Post-Maoist China, 1970-78

Readings: Chairman Mao Talks to the People, text 26 (pp. 290-299).

Charles Bettelheim, "The Great Leap Backward," In Monthly Review (Summer, 1978)