

This course surveys the traditional history of China, from its earliest development up until the impact of the West in the nineteenth century. The first half of the course will deal with the origins and formation of a distinctively Chinese culture and polity. In the second half of the course, we will look at the great changes brought about by interaction with other peoples and by internal transformation and innovations. The course will end with a consideration of the state of Chinese society on the eve of the current era of revolution. Special attention will be paid to how state and society have been formed, the organization of land and labor, the recruitment of elites, and their interactions with Chinese culture, philosophies, and religions.

Texts: The following books are available in the bookstore. Other readings will be on reserve or distributed in class.

Ray Huang, China: A Macro History

Mark Elvin, The Pattern of the Chinese Past

Wm. T. de Bary, ed., Sources of Chinese Tradition, Vol.1

Jonathan D. Spence, The Death of Woman Wang

#### Requirements:

There will be two exams, a midterm and a final, and two short (c. 5 pp.) essays. The topics and requirements for the essays will be announced in class. The essays together will contribute 30% to the final grade, the midterm 25%, the final 35%, and participation in class 10%.

#### Schedule of class meetings and readings:

##### China's Ancient Foundations

Sept. 5 W Introduction (Elvin 17-22)  
 7 F Mythical and archeological origins (Huang 3-9)  
 10 M Early historical origins (Sources of Chinese Tradition 1-14)  
 12 W More origins (H 10-19)  
 14 F Late Chou State and society (E 23-27; H 20-26)

##### The Hundred Schools

Sept. 17 M Confucius (SCT 15-33)  
 19 W Confucius and Mo Tzu (SCT 34-47)  
 21 F Lao Tzu and Chuang Tzu (SCT 48-85)  
 24 M Mencius and Hsun Tzu (SCT 86-113)  
 26 W Han Fei Tzu and Legalism (SCT 122-136)  
 28 F Ch'in unification (SCT 136-144; H 27-35)

## The Han Order

- Oct. 1 M Ch'in collapse, founding of the Han (H 36-48; SCT 145-56)  
 \*First essay due  
 3 W Han government, society and economy (E 27-34; SCT 169-170, 211-223)  
 5 F Han thought (SCT 156-169, 191-204)  
 8 M More Han thought (SCT 228-238; Anthology of Chinese Literature 93-133)  
 10 W Wang Mang and the Later Han (SCT 174-183, 223-227; H 49-61)

## Cosmopolitanism, Second Empire

- Oct. 12 F Collapse of the first empire and disunion (H 62-77; E 35-41)  
 15 M New currents, neoTaoism (SCT 239-258; ACL 157-173)  
 17 W Buddhism (SCT 266-295)  
 19 F Sui and early T'ang (H 78-87; E 42-53)  
 22 M T'ang society (H 88-99; E 54-68)  
 24 W T'ang Buddhism (SCT 334-368)  
 26 F T'ang culture (ACL 217-241, 288-322)  
 29 M \*Midterm exam

## Sung Revolution

- Oct. 31 W T'ang collapse and second disunion(SCT 369-383; H 99-106)  
 Nov. 2 F no class  
 5 M Sung and economic revolution (H 107-112; E 69-83, 113-199)  
 7 W Reform (SCT 409-421; H 112-121)  
 9 F Foreign invasions and Southern Sung (H 122-136; E 84-90)  
 12 M NeoConfucianism (SCT 455-460, 479-502)

## Third Empire, the Traditional Order

- Nov. 14 W Yuan, Mongols and Chinese (H 137-148)  
 16 F Founding of the Ming (H 149-154; E 91-110)  
 19 M Ming foreign relations (H 154-163; E 203-234)  
 21 W Radical neoConfucianism (SCT 514-526)  
 26 M Late Ming (H 164-179; E 235-267)  
 28 W Manchu conquest (H 180-183)  
 30 F Ch'ing society (H 183-191)  
 Dec. 3 M High Ch'ing  
 5 W Scholar class (SCT 557-564)  
 7 F Foreigners  
 10 M Rural China (Spence, whole book)  
 \*Second essay due  
 12 W Ch'ing failures (E 268-319)  
 14 F Late Ch'ing (H 192-199)