

M June 17: Problems in the Study of Chinese History: An Introduction to the Pattern of the Chinese Past

T June 18: Chou Feudalism and the Problem of Feudalism in Chinese History  
The Unification of China and the Nature of the Imperial State

Read: Witold Rodzinski, The Walled Kingdom: A History of China from Antiquity to the Present (The Free Press, 1984), chapters 1 & 2 (pp. 11-66)

Note: It is essential that required readings be completed prior to the class meeting under which they are listed.

W June 19: 1. The Dynastic Cycle and Traditional Chinese Historiography  
2. The Imperial Bureaucracy and the Theory of Oriental Despotism

Read: Rodzinski, chapters 3 & 4 (pp. 67-111)

Th June 20: 1. Traditional China as a Gentry Society  
2. Confucianism as a Conservative Ideology

Read: Rodzinski, chapters 5 & 6 (pp. 112-163)

M June 24: 1. Economic and Scientific Development in Traditional China  
2. The Problem of the Non-Development of Capitalism

Read: review Rodzinski (chs. 1-6)

T June 25: 1. The Sinocentric Worldview  
2. Early Sino-Western Relations and the Opium Wars

Read: Rodzinski, chapters 7 & 8 (pp. 164-207)

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- W June 26: 1. Traditional Chinese Peasant Rebellions and Rebel Ideologies  
2. Christianity and the Taiping Rebellion

- Th June 27: 1. The Impact of Imperialism on Traditional Chinese Society  
2. The Failure of Conservative Modernization, 1865-1895

Read: Rodzinski, chapters 9 & 10 (pp. 208-47)

- M July 1: 1. The Decay of Confucianism and the Episode of the "Hundred Days"  
2. The Emergence of Modern Chinese Nationalism

Read: Jonathan D. Spence, The Gate of Heavenly Peace: The Chinese and Their Revolution, 1895-1980 (Penguin paperback, 1982), chapters 1 & 2 (pp. 1-60)

- T July 2: 1. The Fall of the Old Regime: Sun Yat-sen and the Revolution of 1911  
2. The May Fourth Movement and the Introduction of Marxism

Read: Rodzinski, chapters 11 & 12 (pp. 248-93)  
Spence, chapters 3-5 (pp. 61-150)

- W July 3: 1. The Chinese Communist Party and the Revolution of 1925-27  
2. Chiang Kai-shek and the Kuomintang Regime, 1928-49

Read: Rodzinski, chapters 13-15 (pp. 294-372)  
Spence, chapters 6-10 (pp. 151-287)

- M July 8: 1. Mao Tse-tung and the Chinese Communist Revolution  
2. The Founding and Foundations of the People's Republic of China

Read: Rodzinski, chapter 16 (pp. 373-91)  
Spence, chapters 11 & 12 (pp. 288-340)

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T July 9: 1. Maoist China, 1949-65

2. The Cultural Revolution and Its Aftermath, 1966-76

Read: Rodzinski, chapters 17 & 18 (pp. 392-434)  
Spence, chapter 13 (pp. 341-70)

W July 10: 1. Post-Maoist China

2. Chinese Communism and the Chinese Past

Th July 11: Review Session

F July 12: Final Exam

The final examination will be based on the readings and lecture/discussion topics outlined above. An additional requirement is a short essay (about 5 to 8 typewritten pages) based on the reading of one of the following three books:

1. Fei Hsiao-tung, China's Gentry
2. Frederic Wakeman, The Fall of Imperial China
3. Maurice Meisner, Mao's China: A History of the People's Republic

A limited number of paperbound editions of these volumes are available for purchase at the University Bookstore. Or copies can be obtained from the Reserve Room in White Library. Other books (and topics) can be substituted for the above in consultation with the instructor. Your essay is due on or before July 11.

Grading: Final Exam -- 75 %  
Essay -- 25 %