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CONTEMPORARY CHINESE HISTORY

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Course Description:

This seminar examines major empirical studies and new perspectives on the history of China since 1950. Topics include state and society, ideology and discourse, the Cultural Revolution, gender and the family, population and economy, political reforms and popular resistance, democracy and human rights, globalization and nationalism, and the changing approaches of research in the field.

Books available from University Co-op:

(***** Electronic version available online from PCL or via course website)

*****Huaiyin Li, *Village China under Socialism and Reform* (Stanford, 2009)
Elizabeth Perry and Li Xun, *Proletarian Power: Shanghai in the Cultural Revolution* (Westview, 1997)
Mayfair Yang, *Gifts, Favors, and Banquets: The Art of Social Relationships in China* (Cornell, 1994)
*****Elizabeth Perry & Mark Selden, *Chinese Society: Change, Conflict, and Resistance* (3rd ed., Taylor & Francis, 2010)
*****Yasheng Huang, *Capitalism with Chinese Characteristics: Entrepreneurship and the State* (Cambridge, 2008)
Merle Goldman, *From Comrade to Citizen: The Struggle for Political Rights in China* (Harvard, 2007)

Writing Assignments:

Three "think pieces," due September 24, October 22, and December 14; or a single research paper due December 14.

Schedule:
(Please note that the following schedule is tentative and subject to change as the semester progresses.)

Aug. 27 Introduction: History and Historiography

H. White, "The Question of Narrative in Contemporary Historical Theory," *History and Theory*, Vol. 23, No. 1 (Feb., 1984), pp. 1-33.
H. Li, "Between Tradition and Revolution: Fan Wenlan and the Origins of the Marxist Historiography of Modern China," *Modern China*, Vol. 36, No. 3 (2010), pp. 269-301.
H. Li, "From Revolution to Modernization: The Paradigmatic Transition in Chinese Historiography in the Reform Era," *History and Theory*, No. 49 (October, 2010).

Sept. 3 Transition to Socialism

H. Li, *Village China under Socialism and Reform*, Chapters 2, 3, 8, 9, 10
X. Zhang, "Land Reform in Yang Village: Symbolic Capital and the Determination of Class Status," *Modern China*, Vol. 30, No. 1 (Jan., 2004), pp. 3-45
J. Lin, "Collectivization and China's Agricultural Crisis in 1959-1961," *The Journal of Political Economy*, Vol. 98, No. 6 (Dec., 1990), pp. 1228-1252

Sept. 10 The Great Leap Forward

H. Li, *Village China under Socialism and Reform*, Chapter 4
J. Kung and J. Lin, "The Causes of China's Great Leap Famine, 1959-1961," *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, Vol. 52, No. 1 (Oct., 2003), pp. 51-73
T. Bernstein, "Stalinism, Famine, and Chinese Peasants: Grain Procurements during the Great Leap Forward," *Theory and Society*, Vol. 13, No. 3, Special Issue on China (May, 1984), pp. 339-377
X. Peng, "Demographic Consequences of the Great Leap Forward in China's Provinces," *Population and Development Review*, Vol. 13, No. 4 (Dec., 1987), pp. 639-670
A. Chan, "The Campaign for Agricultural Development in the Great Leap Forward: A Study of Policy- Making and Implementation in Liaoning," *The China Quarterly*, No. 129 (Mar., 1992), pp. 52-71

Sept. 17 The Cultural Revolution (I): Events in the City

E. Perry and Li Xun, *Proletarian Power* (full text)
J. Andreas, "The Structure of Charismatic Mobilization: A Case Study of Rebellion during the Chinese Cultural Revolution," *American Sociological Review*, Vol. 72, No. 3 (Jun., 2007), pp. 434-458
G. Young, "Mao Zedong and the Class Struggle in Socialist Society," *The Australian Journal of Chinese Affairs*, No. 16 (Jul., 1986), pp. 41-80
Mobo Gao, "Debating the Cultural Revolution: Do We Only Know What We Believe?" *Critical Asian Studies*, 34:3, 419-434, 2002
A. Walder, "Beijing Red Guard Factionalism: Social Interpretations Reconsidered," *The Journal of Asian Studies*, Vol. 61, No. 2 (May, 2002), pp. 437-471

Sept. 24 The Cultural Revolution (II): Events in the Village

H. Li, *Village China under Socialism and Reform*, Chapters 5-7
D. Han, "Impact of the Cultural Revolution on Rural Education and Economic Development: The Case of Jimo County," *Modern China*, 27:1, 59-90, Jan. 2001
J. Oi, "Communism and Clientelism: Rural Politics in China," *World Politics*, Vol. 37, No. 2 (Jan., 1985), pp. 238-266
A. Walder & Y. Su, "The Cultural Revolution in the Countryside: Scope, Timing, and Human Impact," *The China Quarterly*, 74-99, 2003
J. Unger, "Cultural Revolution Conflict in the Villages," *The China Quarterly*, No. 153. (Mar., 1998), pp. 82-106.

Oct. 1 Chinese Society: Continuity and Changes

Mayfair Yang, *Gifts, Favors, and Banquets* (full text)

A. Walder, "Organized Dependency and Cultures of Authority in Chinese Industry," *The Journal of Asian Studies*, Vol. 43, No. 1 (Nov., 1983), pp. 51-76

Oct. 8 Post-Mao Reform and Development (I): Rural China

H. Li, *Village China under Socialism and Reform*, Chapters 11, 12, 13, 14
S. Ho, "Rural Non-Agricultural Development in Post-Reform China: Growth, Development Patterns, and Issues," *Pacific Affairs*, Vol. 68, No. 3 (Autumn, 1995), pp. 360-391
J. Lin, "Rural Reforms and Agricultural Growth in China," *The American Economic Review*, Vol. 82, No. 1 (Mar., 1992), pp. 34-51
T. Bernstein and X. Lü, "Taxation without Representation: Peasants, the Central and the Local States in Reform China," *The China Quarterly*, No. 163 (Sep., 2000), pp. 742-763
Nee and Su, "Institutional Change and Economic Growth in China: The View from the Villages," *The Journal of Asian Studies*, Vol. 49, No. 1 (Feb., 1990), pp. 3-25
J. Unger, "The Decollectivization of the Chinese Countryside: A Survey of Twenty-eight Villages," *Pacific Affairs*, Vol. 58, No. 4 (Winter, 1985-1986), pp. 585-606

Oct. 15 Post-Mao Reform and Development (II): Urban China

Y. Huang, *Capitalism with Chinese Characteristics* (full text)
S. Ma, "China's Privatization: From Gradualism to Shock Therapy?" *Asian Survey*, Vol. 48, No. 2 (2008), pp. 199-214
J. Zhang, "State Power, Elite Relations, and the Politics of Privatization in China's Rural Industry," *Asian Survey*, Vol. 48, No. 2 (2008), pp. 215-238
X. Lu, "Booty Socialism, Bureau-Preneurs, and the State in Transition: Organizational Corruption in China," *Comparative Politics*, Vol. 32, No. 3 (Apr., 2000), pp. 273-294
S. Yao, "Privilege and Corruption: The Problems of China's Socialist Market Economy," *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*, Vol. 61, No. 1, Special Issue: The New Political Economies: A Collection of Essay from around the World (Jan., 2002), pp. 279-299

Oct. 22 Women and Gender

E. Perry and M. Selden, *Chinese Society*, Chapter 6 (S. Friedman, "Women, Marriage, and the State in Contemporary China")
E. Judd, "Men Are More Able": Rural Chinese Women's Conceptions of Gender and Agency," *Pacific Affairs*, Vol. 63, No. 1 (Spring, 1990), pp. 40-61
Z. Wang, " 'State Feminism'? Gender and Socialist State Formation in Maoist China," *Feminist Studies*, Vol. 31, No. 3 (Fall, 2005), pp. 519-551
S. Rosen, "Women and Political Participation in China," *Pacific Affairs*, Vol. 68, No. 3 (Autumn, 1995), pp. 315-341
Shu and Bian, "Market Transition and Gender Gap in Earnings in Urban China," *Social Forces*, Vol. 81, No. 4 (Jun., 2003), pp. 1107-1145
S. Greenhalgh, "Science, Modernity, and the Making of China's One-Child Policy," *Population and Development Review*, Vol. 29, No. 2 (Jun., 2003), pp. 163-196

Oct. 29 Political Participation and Popular Rights

M. Goldman, *From Comrade to Citizen* (full text)

L. Li, "The Empowering Effect of Village Elections in China," *Asian Survey*, Vol. 43, No. 4. (Jul. - Aug., 2003), pp. 648-662.

L. Li, "The Politics of Introducing Direct Township Elections in China," *The China Quarterly*, No. 171 (Sep., 2002), pp. 704-723

T. Shi, "Village Committee Elections in China: Institutionalist Tactics for Democracy," *World Politics*, Vol. 51, No. 3 (Apr., 1999), pp. 385-412

Nov. 5 Resistance and Protest (I)

E. Perry and M. Selden, *Chinese Society*, Chapters 1-5

L. Li and K. O'brien, "Villagers and Popular Resistance in Contemporary China," *Modern China*, 22:1, 28-61, Jan. 1996

K. O'Brien, "Rightful Resistance," *World Politics*, Vol. 49, No. 1 (Oct., 1996), pp. 31-55

Nov. 12 Resistance and Protest (II)

E. Perry and M. Selden, *Chinese Society*, Chapters 7-12

P. Gries, "Tears of Rage: Chinese Nationalist Reactions to the Belgrade Embassy Bombing," *The China Journal*, No. 46 (Jul., 2001), pp. 25-43

Nov. 19 Leadership and Authority

L. Sullivan, "Leadership and Authority in the Chinese Communist Party: Perspectives from the 1950s," *Pacific Affairs*, Vol. 59, No. 4 (Winter, 1986-1987), pp. 605-633

F. Teiwes, "The Paradoxical Post-Mao Transition: From Obeying the Leader to 'Normal Politics'," *The China Journal*, No. 34 (Jul., 1995), pp. 55-94

L. Dittmer, "Chinese Informal Politics," *The China Journal*, No. 34 (Jul., 1995), pp. 1-34

L. Dittmer, "Leadership Change and Chinese Political Development," *The China Quarterly*, No. 176 (Dec., 2003), pp. 903-925

T. Tsou, "Chinese Politics at the Top: Factionalism or Informal Politics? Balance-of- Power Politics or a Game to Win All?" *The China Journal*, No. 34 (Jul., 1995), pp. 95-156

A. Walder, "Career Mobility and the Communist Political Order," *American Sociological Review*, Vol. 60, No. 3 (Jun., 1995), pp. 309-328

December 3 Conclusion

Presentation of think pieces/research papers