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Lecture date and time: Thursday 9:30-13:30
Venue: LHS TR+42
Course code: HH4090

Special Topics in History-Global Asia
Modern Chinese social and economic History
2019 Spring

I. Course Outline

This course examines the traditional Chinese society and its modern transformation. Emphasis will be placed on (1) basic socio-economic structures, (2) matters of social stratification and mobilization and (3) interrelationship of state economy and local society. Topics include: land and people, population, family and lineage, rural social structure, social stratification and mobility, gentry and leaders, social and economic networks, urban development, China and capitalism, state and local economy, merchants and guilds, religion and popular belief, and rebellion and revolution.

Students are required to actively participate in tutorial discussions and complete various training assignments and writing an end-of-term paper.

II. Test book and supplementary readings: [* recommended]

A: General references

- *Eastman, Lloyd E. (1988) *Family, Field, and Ancestors* (New York, Oxford: Oxford Univ. Press)
- Ebrey, Patricia and Anne Walthall, (2014) *East Asia: a cultural, social and political history*, (3rd ed.) Boston, MA: Wadsworth, Cengage Learning.
- Elvin, Mark (1973) *The Pattern of the Chinese Past* (Stanford Univ. Press)
- Fairbank, John K. and Edwin O. Reischauer (1984) *China: Tradition and Transformation* (Houghton-Mifflin), Chs. 8-14. Or any later version.
- Faure, David (2006) *China and Capitalism* (Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press)
- Grove, Linda and Christian Daniels (eds.) (1984) *State and society in China: Japanese perspectives on Ming-Qing social and economic history*, Tokyo: Tokyo University Press.
- Hucker, Charles D. (1975) *China's Imperial Past: an Introduction to Chinese History and Culture* (Stanford: Stanford University Press)
- Szonyi, Michael (2017), *A companion to Chinese History*, New York: John Wiley & Sons Incorporated

B: Readings for individual lectures (tentative) [* recommended]

January 17

Lecture 1: Introduction: approach and themes

Rawski, Evelyn S. (1985) "Economic and social foundations of late imperial China" in Johnson, David, A.J.Nathan and E.S.Rawski ed. *Popular Culture in Late Imperial China*, Univ. of California Press, pp.3-33.

*----- (1991) "Research themes in Ming Qing socioeconomic history: the state of the field", *Journal of Asian Studies* 50(1): 84-112.

*Siu, Helen (2016), "Reflections on historical anthropology" in Siu, Helen, *Tracing China: a forty-year ethnographic journey*, Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, pp.9-29

Zhao, Li, (2013) "Conceptualizing the social economy in China" *Modern Asian Studies* 47(3): 1083-1123

Activity: knowing each other

January 24

Lecture 2: Land and people

*Fairbank and Reischauer (1984): ch.1 "The setting of Chinese history"

*Koss, Daniel, (2017) "Political geography of empire: Chinese varieties of local government" *The Journal of Asian Studies* 76(1): 159-184

Smith, Christopher J. (1991) *China: People and Places in the Land of one Billion*, Boulder: Westview Press

Wong David W.S., Kenneth K.K. Wong, Him Chung and James J. Wang (2018) *China: A Geographical Perspective*, New York: the Guilford Press.

*Zhao Songqiao (1994) *Geography of China: Environment, Resources, Population and Development*, New York: Willey

Activity: coursework: Family chart

January 31

Lecture 3: Population growth

Banister, Judith (1987) *China's Changing Population*, Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press.

*Eastman (1988): ch.1 "Population: growth and migration"

Harrell, Stevan (ed.) (1995) *Chinese Historical Microdemography*, Berkeley: University of California Press.

*Ho, Ping-ti, (1959) *Studies on the Population of China, 1368-1953*, Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press

Peng Xizhe (2000) *The Changing Population of China*, Oxford: Blackwell Publishers

曹树基, (2001) 中国人口史, 第四卷明时期、第五卷清时期, 复旦大学出版社

Activity: coursework: oral history + event family

February 7

Lecture 4: Dates without deity: New year, crisis and rite of passage

*Aijmer, Goran (2003) *New Year Celebrations in Central China in Late Imperial Times*, Hong Kong: Chinese University Press.

Law, Joan and Barbara E. Ward (1982) *Chinese Festival in Hong Kong*, Hong Kong SCMP (1993 The Guidebook Company, 2005 MCCM)

Welch, Patricia Bjaaland (1997) *Chinese New Year*, Hong Kong: Oxford University Press

Activity: Game: Let's build an ancestral Hall. Discussion: understanding family and lineage

Feb. 14

Lecture 5: Social infrastructure I: family and lineage

Hanley, Susan B and Arthur P. Wolf (1985) *Family and Population in East Asian History*, Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press

Szonyi, Michael (2002), *Practicing Kinship: lineage and descent in late Imperial China*, Stanford: Stanford University Press.

*Watson, James L. (1982) "Chinese kinship reconsidered: anthropological perspectives on historical research" *China Quarterly* 92: 589-622.

*Watson, Rubie (2004) "The Creation of a Chinese Lineage: The Teng of Ha Tsuen, 1669-1751" in James Watson and Rubie Watson, *Village Life in Hong Kong*, Hong Kong: Chinese University of Hong Kong (reprint of 1982 from *Modern Asian Studies* 16(1): 69-100.

Activity: Quiz: knowing China

Feb. 21

Lecture 6: Social infrastructure II: temple and local society

*Liu Tik-sang, (2003) "A Nameless but active religion: an anthropologist's view of local religion in Hong Kong and Macau" *The China Quarterly* 174:373-394.

*Wolf, Arthur, (1974), "God, ghost and ancestors" in Arthur Wolf (ed.) *Religion and Ritual in Chinese Society*, Stanford Univ. Press, pp.131-182

廖迪生 (2000), 香港天后崇拜, 香港: 三聯書店

陈春声、郑振满编 (2003), 民间信仰与社会空间, 福建: 福建人民出版社。

Activity: Video (1): Roads to Xanadu Pt. 1: the price of Harmony. Presentation and Discussion.

Feb. 28

Lecture 7 Farm economy

Cao, Xinyu (2010-2011), "From Famine history to crisis metaphor" *Chinese Studies in History* 44(1): 156-171

*Eastman (1988) ch.4 "Agriculture: an overview"

Perkins, Dwight, (1969) *Agricultural Development in China, 1368-1968*, Chicago: Aldine Publishing Company

Rawski, Evelyn (1972) *Agricultural Change and the Peasant Economy of South China*, Harvard University Press.

*Buck, Pearl (1931), *The Good Earth*, (many reprints such as 1953 Methuen, 2005 Pocket Books, 2012 Open Road Media) [The House of Earth: volume 1 The Good Earth (1931) volume 2 Sons (1933) volume 3 A House Divided (1935)]

Activity: Video (2): Roads to Xanadu Pt. 2: the invention of progress. Presentation and Discussion.

March 14

Lecture 8: Social Stratification and social mobility

Cheung Chung-li (1955), *The Chinese Gentry*, University of Washington Press

Elman, Benjamin and A. Woodside (1994) "Afterward: the explanation of education in Ch'ing China" in Elman, Benjamin and A. Woodside (eds.) *Education and Society in Late Imperial China, 1600-1900*, Berkeley: Univ. of California Press.

Esherick, Joseph and Mary Rankin (1990) eds, *Chinese Local Elites and Patterns of Dominance*, University of California Press

Ho Ping-ti, (1959) *Studies on the Population of China*, Harvard University Press

*----(1962) *The Ladder of Success in Imperial China*, Columbia University Press

*Skinner, G.William (1976) "Mobility strategies in Late Imperial China: a regional systems analysis" in Carol A. smith (ed.) *Regional Analysis I*, 327-64, (New York: Academic Press)

Activity: Video (3): Roads to Xanadu Pt. 3: Dreams of wealth and power. Presentation and Discussion.

March 21

Lecture 9: Marketing network and urbanization

*Skinner, G.William, (1964-65), "Marketing and social structure in rural China" parts 1-3, *Journal of Asian Studies* 24:3-43, 195-228, 363-399.

Activity: Video (4): Roads to Xanadu Pt. 4: the colour of the cat. Presentation and Discussion.

March 28

Lecture 10: Silver: China in the world economy

*Frank, Gunter, (1998) *ReOrient: Global Economy in the Asian Age*, University of California Press (白银资本)

Hang, Xing, (2015) *Conflict and commerce in maritime East Asia: the Zheng family and the shaping of the modern world, c.1620-1720*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Li Xiantang (2011) *The paradoxical effects of silver in the economies of Ming and Qing China*, *Chinese Studies in History* 45(1): 84-99.

Shiroyama, Tomoko, (2008) *China during the great depression: market, state and the world economy, 1929-1937*, Harvard University Press.

*Zhao Yf (2011), "Great divergence or great convergence? A civilizational view of the historical trend in Ming-Qing China" *Chinese Studies in History* 45(1): 69-83

Zhong, Weimin (2010) "The roles of tea and opium in early economic globalization: a perspective on China's crisis in the 19th century" *Frontiers of History in China* 5(1): 86-105

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Activity: coursework: work-sheet design and explanation

April 4

Activity: participant observation

April 11

Lecture 11: State and local society: popular religion: state recognition and anti-superstition

*Watson, James (1985) "Standardizing the gods: the promotion of Tien Hou ('Empress of Heaven') along the South China coast, 960-1960" in David Johnson, A.J.Nathan, and E.S.Rawski (ed.) *Popular Culture in late Imperial China* (California), pp.292-324

*Special Issue on "Ritual, Cultural Standardization and Orthopraxy in China, Reconsidering James L. Watson's Idea", *Modern China*, vol. 33: 1, (2007)

「國家建構與地方社會」專號,《歷史人類學》學刊第六卷第一、二期合刊,2008年10月

Fan, Cunwu (2010-2011) "Confucian 'Religion' in the early Republican Period", *Chinese Studies in History* 44(1): 132-155.

Lu Zhongwei (2010-2011) "Huidaomen in the Republican period" *Chinese Studies in History* 44(1): 10-37

Nedostup, Rebecca (2009), *Superstitious Regimes: Religion and the Politics of Chinese Modernity*, Harvard East Asian Monographs.

*Poon Shuk-wah (2011), *Negotiating Religion in Modern China: State and Common People in Guangzhou, 1900-1937*, HK: CUHK Press.

Activity: Reflection of field observation: completion of worksheet. Comparison and discussion

April 18

Lecture 12: Merchants, State and local economy

*Feuerwerker (1995) “The state and the economy in late Imperial China” and “Three Kuan-tu Shang-pan enterprises” in Feuerwerker, *Studies in the Economic History of Late Imperial China*, Ann Arbor: The University of Michigan, Centre for Chinese Studies, pp.13-45, 201-272.

Fewsmith, Joseph (1985) “From guild to interest group: the transformation of public and private in late Imperial China” *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 25: 617-640.

Furth, Charlotte (2011) “The art of doing good: charity in late Ming China” *The Journal of Asian Studies* 70(3): 808-810

Lin, Yuju and Madeleine Zelin eds (2014) *Merchant Communities in Asia, 1600-1980*, London: Pickering & Chatto Publishers Ltd.

Lufrano, Richard, (2013) “Minding the minders: overseeing the brokerage system in Qing China” *Late Imperial China* 34(1): 66-

Mann, Susan (1987) *Local Merchants and the Chinese Bureaucracy*, Stanford University Press.

Activity: Conclusion and review.

III. Assessment

Evaluation will be based on results of the following:

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| 1. Class Participation | (10%) |
| 2. Assignments (family chart, oral history, quiz, worksheet) | (40%) |
| 3. Term-end paper | (50%) |