In the 19th and 20th centuries China faced a series of interconnected crises. The most obvious crisis was foreign imperialism, which threatened to divide China into colonies of foreign powers. As the Chinese struggled to find a response to this problem they discovered a host of others: a weak dynasty, a corrupt government, overpopulation, a backward economy. A host of solutions to these problems were debated, and a series of revolutionary changes were carried out.

This course is about these revolutions and their effects on ordinary Chinese people. In some respects it is a success story. Today China controls its own borders and is recognized as a world power, and many believe that China will dominate the world in the 21st century. This is often told as the story of China 'modernizing', i.e. dropping every aspect of traditional culture and society and copying the West. While this is a period of radical change we will emphasize the importance of continuity in China's development.
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Books
- Baumler, Alan. Modern China and Opium: A Reader Ann Arbor, University of Michigan Press, 2005

Readings
Each week you will need to read both the common readings (stuff from the books you bought) and at least one of the other articles/chapters. You can pick whatever interests you most from the optional readings. All readings should be done for the first day of the week we will be discussing them.

1/23 World of Qianlong Qianlong as Son of Heaven. Qing as a multi-ethnic empire

Crossley 21-43
- Elman, Benjamin A. “Political, Social, and Cultural Reproduction via Civil Service Examinations in Late Imperial China.” The Journal of Asian Studies 50, no. 1 (February 1, 1991)

1/30 Confusions of Pleasure Commerce and culture in Ming and Qing China. Merchants and elite status, growth and its discontents.

Brook, The Confusions of Pleasure , entire
Sources of disorder Peasants, poverty and rebellion. Managing local society and popular responses to state control

Crossley 44-65

Foreigners and opium Trade with Europeans and others, opium, the Opium Wars and evolution of treaty port society

Crossley 70-97
-Opium, 1,2
-William T. Rowe "Money, Economy, and Polity in the Daoguang-Era Paper Currency Debates" *Late Imperial China* 31.2 December 2010
"Kingdom Come? The Protestant Heyday in Fuzhou, 1912-1922" from Ryan Dunch *Fuzhou Protestants and the Making of a Modern China 1857-1927* Yale, 2001

Taiping and restoration Taiping and Tongzhi. Restoring the Imperial order and the Qing reformers

Crossley 100-132
Opium 3-5
-Mary Rankin "Alarming Crises/Enticing Possibilities: Political and Cultural Changes in Late Nineteenth-Century China" *Late Imperial China* Volume 29, Number 1 Supplement, June 2008
-William Charles Wooldridge "Building and State Building in Nanjing after the Taiping Rebellion" *Late Imperial China* 30.2, 2009
"The Thought of Wei Yuan" and "Reform on Trial" from Philip Kuhn Origins of the Modern Chinese State Stanford U.P. 2002


Crossley, 133-162
Opium 6-9
-Juan Wang "Officialdom Unmasked: Shanghai Tabloid Press, 1897–1911" Late Imperial China 28.2 (2007)

3/5 May 4th New Culture, new language, new family

Crossley 162-179
Opium, 14
-Gina Russo "Kiss and Tell: Kissing and the creation of the modern woman in 1930's Shanghai" IUP History Department Honors Thesis, 2008

Spring Break

Mid Term Exam

3/19 Warlords and Whampoa China in disintegration and the first revolutionary parties

Crossley 180-206
Opium 10-13
-Peter Worthing "Toward the Minju Incident: Militarist Conflict in Guizhou, 1911-1921" Modern China, Vol. 33, No. 2 (Apr., 2007)
-"The Riddle of Mobilization" from Tsin, Michael, Nation, Governance, and Modernity in
3/26 Nanjing Decade  Northern Expedition and China on the march. Developmental state and facsimism

Opium 15-17

4/2 Jiangxi to Yennan  Communists, Mao, and peasants. Strategies of revolution

- Mao Zedong "Preliminary Conclusions of the Land Investigation Campaign"
- Liu Shaoqi "On Inner-Party Stuggle" from Saich, Tony, and Benjamin Yang, eds. The Rise to Power of the Chinese Communist Party: Documents and Analysis. M E Sharpe Inc, 1996. (There is a lot more stuff in this book if you want to find something else to read.)

4/9 War of Resistance Against Japan  War and its impact on the nation and the people

Lary, entire
4/16 Liberation and building New China  The many meanings of 'Liberation' and another New China

Crossley 207-236
Opium 19
-Liu Shaoqi How to be a Good Communist

4/23 Cultural Revolution  Political, economic and social impact of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution

Crossley 237-245
Spider Eaters, entire
-http://www.morningsun.org (You can analyze this as a primary or secondary source)

4/30 China since Mao  From plastic toys to I-pads

Crossley 246-end
-Guo Yingjie and He Baogang "Reimagining the Chinese Nation: The 'Zeng Guofan Phenomenon'" Modern China 25.2 (Apr. 1999)

Grades

Mid-term 15%
Final 20%
Short papers 5 x 10 = 50%
Quizzes 15%
Quiz assignments
On the first day of each week you will need to bring in a two paragraph reaction to one of the (non-book) readings. This could be a summary of one of the main points you think the author is making, a critique of their points, something about how you would relate it to something we (or you) have read before, anything. Everyone needs to contribute to the class, and you can't do that if you have not done the reading. These and all the other assignments we do in class will be part of your quiz grade.

Short papers
Five times during the semester you will need to write a longer, two or three page analysis of one of the assignments that is not from our assigned books. Some of these are primary sources but most are secondary. Two of these will have to be done before the mid-term and two after. Guidelines for writing an article/chapter review are here, and guidelines for writing a primary source analysis are here. These are due on on the Monday the readings were due. You may do more than five and toss out the low grades, but no more than one in a week. Here is a sample article analysis.