

Title and Code of Course: Modern History of China ERPB-BSB 9909			
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Credit Point Value: 6	Number of Lessons per Week: 2	Type of Course: Seminar ☒ Lecture ☐	Method of Evaluation: Oral Examination ☐ In-Class Presentation ☐ Other ☒
Course Description: This course provides an overview of the history of China in the modern era. The lectures familiarize the students with the changing notion of China from the mid-19th century to the present, explore the political and economic changes and transformations in China's social structure over the past two hundred years and trace the influence of these changes on modern and contemporary Chinese life. The course also addresses the processes and mechanisms of China's globalisation, involving China's entanglements with Europe, the USA, Japan, the former Soviet bloc, Southeast Asia and Africa. Through this course, students will develop a familiarity with the key processes of China's modern history and the challenges that China faces today. The course concludes with a closed-book written test.			
Bibliography: Rana Mitter: <i>Modern China: A Very Short Introduction</i>. (Oxford, 2008) Jeffrey N. Wasserstrom: <i>China in the 21st Century, What Everyone Needs to Know</i> (Oxford, 2010) Daniel H. Bays: <i>A New History of Christianity in China</i>. (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2012) John W. Garver: <i>China's Quest</i>. (Oxford, 2016) Shen Zhihua – Li Danhui: <i>After Learning to One Side</i>. (Washington, D.C. – Stanford, 2011) Wang Hui: <i>China from Empire to Nation-State</i>. (Harvard, 2014)			
Timetable:			
	Date:	Topic:	
1.		Introduction: What is Modern, What is History, What is China? Reading: Mitter 6–16.	
2.		China: From Empire to Nation-state Reading: Wang: 132–145.	
3.		The Manchu Qing Empire Readings: Mitter: 21–30. Wasserstrom: 24–34.	

4.		The Role of Christianity in China's Modernization Reading: Bays: 17–24, 47–61, 84–87, 141–151.
5.		The First Decades of the Republic Readings: Mitter: 30–39. Wasserstrom: 36–47.
6.		KMT-CCP and the Civil War Readings: Mitter: 40–55. Wasserstrom: 47–49.
7.		The First Years of the PRC Readings: Mitter: 55–60. Garver: 29–43.
8.		Technological Modernization – The Role of the Soviet Bloc, 1949–1960 Readings: Mitter: 102–109. Shen 117–134.
9.		The Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, 1966–1976 Readings: Mitter: 60–63. Wasserstrom: 57–64. Garver: 259–264.
10.		Reform and Opening Up and the Question of Reunification – Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan 1978–1999 Readings: Mitter: 64–72. Wasserstrom: 67–82. Garver: 401–408, 429–435, 644–653.
11.		China in the 21st Century Readings: Mitter: 85–96. Wasserstrom: 116–131.
12.		Final test