Course Description

This course is a study of contemporary China by way of a historico-political approach. The Chinese Communist Party came to power in 1949 with the mandate to build a sovereign and united China as well as to develop the country within a socialist framework. We shall examine the historical background behind the formulation of these goals and assess the extent to which they have been accomplished. The course will therefore cover the full range of major events that helped shape contemporary China. These events include the end of imperial China, the birth of Republican China, the Communist Revolution, the Mao era, and post-Mao China.

Course Requirements

1. Two online quizzes (10% each) — 20%
2. Participation — 10%
3. Presentation — 15%
4. Review Essay — 20%
5. Final Examination — 35%

Required Texts


Instructor: Professor Theresa Lee