

History 278
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Bates College

Taiwan

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Office hours: It's impossible to pick times in advance that remain pristine in the face of other obligations. Making an appointment (phone, E-mail, talking to me before or after class) is best. I get in by 8:00 a.m. most mornings, so early or else the 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. hour are the most promising... classroom responsibilities occupy the 9:00 – 12:00 block MWF, and Monday afternoons are generally filled by other tasks. My Tuesday/Thursday schedule is very hard to predict.

Course schedule: MWF 11:00 – 11:55 a.m.

Final Examination: Tuesday 12 April at 3:45 p.m.

Catalog description: On 20 May 2000, with the inauguration of a president from the opposition, Taiwan added political democracy to the list of Chinese historical achievements. This course surveys the history of the island from 17th-century piracy to the emergence of the world's 12th-largest trading power, and the most dangerous dilemma in Chinese-American relations.

Class Schedule

Part I: Quick Overview

Week One

Mon 10 Jan C1 Orientation
Wed 12 Jan C2 Copper, Chapter One
Fri 14 Jan C3 Copper, Chapter Two

Week Two

Mon 17 Jan **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** * *no class*
Wed 19 Jan C4 Copper, Chapter Three
Fri 21 Jan C5 Copper, Chapter Four

Week Three

Mon 24 Jan C6 Copper, Chapter Five
Wed 26 Jan C7 Copper, Chapter Six
Fri 28 Jan C8 Copper, Chapter Seven

Part II: Topical Survey

Week Four

Mon 31 Jan C9 New History, Introduction & Chapters One & Two
Wed 02 Feb C10 New History, Chapter Three
Fri 04 Feb C11 New History, Chapters Four & Five

Week Five

Mon 07 Feb C12 New History, Chapter Six
Wed 09 Feb C13 New History, Chapter Seven
Fri 11 Feb C14 New History, Chapter Eight

Week Six

Mon 14 Feb C15 New History, Chapters Nine & Ten
Wed 16 Feb C16 New History, Chapters Eleven & Twelve
Fri 18 Feb C17 New History, Chapter Thirteen

Winter Recess * Mon 21 Feb – Fri 25 Feb

Week Seven

- Mon 28 Feb C18 New History, Chapters Fourteen & Fifteen
 Wed 02 Mar C19 New History, Chapter Sixteen & Postscript & Conclusion

Part III: Taiwan as Historical Fiction ...

- Fri 04 Mar C20 Li, Wintry Night, Intro. & Pt. I, Chaps. 1 -- 4

Week Eight

- Mon 07 Mar C21 Li, Wintry Night, Pt. I, Chaps. 5 -- 9
 Wed 09 Mar C22 Li, Wintry Night, Pt. II, Chaps. 1 -- 6
 Fri 11 Mar C23 Li, Wintry Night, Pt. II, Chaps. 7 -- 11

Week Nine

- Mon 14 Mar C24 *presentations of Lonely Planet projects (I)*
 Wed 16 Mar C25 *presentations of Lonely Planet projects (II)*
 Fri 18 Mar C26 *presentations of Lonely Planet projects (III)*

Week Ten

- Mon 21 Mar C27 Hsiao, 1000 Moons..., Ch. 1-7
 Wed 23 Mar C28 Hsiao, 1000 Moons..., Ch. 8-11
 Fri 25 Mar C29 Hsiao, 1000 Moons..., Ch. 12-15

Week Eleven

- Mon 28 Mar C30 Hsiao, 1000 Moons..., Ch. 16-20
 Wed 30 Mar *no class Assoc. for Asian Studies Conference*
 Fri 01 Apr *no class Assoc. for Asian Studies Conference*

Part IV: ... and a Contemporary Anthropological Comparison**Week Twelve**

- Mon 04 Apr C31 *presentations of Daily Life (I)*
 Wed 06 Apr C32 *presentations of Daily Life (II)*
 Fri 08 Apr C33 *presentations of Daily Life (III)*

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Course Readings

- John F. Copper, Taiwan: Nation-State or Province? 2003 (4th edition)
Westview Press 256 pages
comprehensive introduction [DS799 .C67 2003](#) “*Copper*”
- Murray A. Rubinstein, ed., Taiwan: A New History 1999
M.E. Sharpe 536 pages
leading English-language history [DS799.5 .T353 1999](#) “*New History*”
- Robert Storey, Lonely Planet Taiwan 2004 (6th edition)
Lonely Planet 416 pages
standard travel guide [not held by library] “*Lonely Planet*”
- Li Qiao, Wintry Night 2002
Columbia 320 pages
historical novel about early 20th-century Taiwan, sensitive to issues of ethnicity and colonialism [PL2877.C519 H2913 2001](#) “*Li*”
- Hsiao Li-hung, A Thousand Moons on a Thousand Rivers 2001
Columbia 320 pages
novel of “love, betrayal, family life, and the power of tradition” in a small southern coastal town in the 1970s, by one of Taiwan’s most popular woman writers [PL2862.I3177 C4813 2000](#) “*Hsiao*”
- David K. Jordan, Andrew D. Morris, Marc L. Moskowitz,
The Minor Arts of Daily Life: Popular Culture in Taiwan
U. of Hawai’i 278 pages 2004
essays on contemporary Taiwanese culture [HN747.5 .M56 2004](#) “*Daily Life*”

Grading

This course is based on collective participation in reading and discussion of the assigned material. Several activities are explicitly scored on a point system.

Attendance & class participation:

-10	0	2	4	5
Destructive behavior	Absent, late, asleep	Present, but mute	Present & contributing	Especially constructive

Explanation: “Destructive behavior” includes, but is not limited to, wandering aimlessly in and out of class for whatever reason, including having forgotten to go to the bathroom before coming to class with your water bottle (obviously, genuine physical distress is forgiven). “Late” includes the bad habit of drifting into class a few minutes after 11:00. (If necessary, short quizzes, handed out precisely at 11:00, will encourage people to reset their watches.) The second time your cell phone / PDA buzzes you during class you enter this territory.

Thought paragraphs:

-2	0	2	4
Nothing	Incoherent or summarizing	Something rational	Intelligent commentary

Explanation: These are meant to be about a half-page in length (one solid paragraph), are written in reaction to the assigned reading, and **must be E-mailed to me (not the class E-list at whist278a) by the midnight prior to the relevant class.** (Hold on to a copy for your own use, and you’ll know you have something to say.) “In reaction” means that they take some issue in the reading as a starting point for discussion. Restating the main point of the reading, although a useful thing to be able to do, is not the point of this exercise.

Lonely Planet Project:

[details given in class]

-5	5	10	15
Nothing	Minimal compliance	Conscientious effort	Intelligent & analytical

Daily Life Presentation:

[details given in class]

-5	5	10	15
Nothing	Minimal compliance	Conscientious effort	Intelligent & analytical

Final Examination:

[to be discussed/planned in class]

-1000	20	40	60
Not taken	Minimally competent analysis	Conscientious encounter with course readings	Shows mastery of material

