

## **The Qing Empire in Global Context**

**Course #AS.100.311**

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### **Course description:**

This upper level undergraduate class focuses on early modern empires. It uses the Qing empire (1644-1912) as a central case study, situating recent scholarship on the Qing in relation to that dealing with other empires. Students will thus consider questions of imperial control and colonialism, gender, war, and knowledge-making. An earlier generation of scholarship portrayed the Qing dynasty as the victim of Western imperialism or emphasized “sinification” and “Chinese exceptionalism”; new works compare the Qing to other early modern maritime and land empires. They acknowledge the expansionism of the Qing and also focus on the ways in which heterogenous cultural or ethnic encounters shaped the empire’s territorial ambitions and ruling style.

By comparing the Qing with other empires from the 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> century and reconsidering the legacies of the Qing empire in the 20<sup>th</sup> century through extensive reading of secondary literature, students will learn more about the dynamics between the colonizers and colonized, the politics of categorization and comparative studies, and the legacies of imperialism.

### **Learning goals:**

1. Gain an understanding of the varied experience of historical and political actors within the empires studied.
2. Identify major political, social, cultural, environmental, and intellectual trends of the early modern world.
3. Analyze and evaluate major scholarly trends in the study of early modern empires, including especially the study of the Qing empire.
4. Examine arguments, texts, and other sources within their historical contexts.
5. Demonstrate an understanding of the post-colonial world order and vestigial problems associated with the legacies of imperialism today.

### **Assignments:**

1. Class participation (in class discussion, peer review activity): 30%
2. Weekly reading notes: 40%
3. Three book reviews: 30%

Class participation: In-class discussion will comprise a significant portion of the grade. Students are expected to come to class ready to discuss the assigned reading and to take an active part in discussions. Be ready to discuss the readings in class by synthesizing authors' arguments, posing questions, and responding to other students' points of view. We are also going to do peer-review in every class. Attendance will be taken every week. Absences must be excused prior to the class meeting. Unexcused absences will result in a "0" for that week. At the end of each class, students will be asked to read others' weekly reading notes and learn from each other about how people read differently.

Reading notes: Students are expected to submit reading notes in nearly every class session. Students do not need to submit reading notes for the sessions in which we have guest speakers. Please select one of the articles or books that you read for each class session about which to write reading notes, and please bring a hard copy of your reading notes to each class. Please see the file on Blackboard for the format of the weekly reading notes. Students only need to fill out the designed questions and share them with the classmates at the end of each class. Students are required to submit 20 weekly reading notes in total. You will get full points for each weekly reading notes as long as you submit.

Book Reviews: Students will submit three book reviews over the course of the semester. The first two book reviews are worth 8% each and should be 2-3 pages long. For the last book review, which should be 5-10 pages long, students should compare 3 to 5 books. This last book review is worth 14% of the final grade. We will discuss how to write a book review on 9/14, and how to write a longer book review on 12/2. Please see the end of the syllabus for the list of books that you can choose from. Please do not choose books to review from the weekly assigned readings. The first book review is due on 10/21, the second on 11/16, and the third on 12/21.

Guest Speakers: We will have two joint classes and one guest speaker throughout the semester. The first joint class is on 10/12 and the second one on 10/21. On those dates, we are going to meet with the students and instructor of "The Politics of American Imperialism: The Founding to the Present" for a comparative discussion of imperialism in different times and spaces. On 10/26, we will have a guest speaker to talk about sexual control as part of the colonial project. For those three classes, students do not need to submit reading notes. The format of those three classes will be announced when the time approaches.

All writing assignments should be double spaced, 12-point font, 1” margins.

All required readings are available on e-Reserve.

### **W1 (8/31) Administrative Introduction**

#### **W1 (9/2) Academic Introduction**

#### **W2 (9/7) Comparing Empires**

- Stoler A; Cooper, Frederick. “Between Metropole and Colony: Rethinking a Research Agenda,” in *Tension of Empire: Colonial Cultures in a Bourgeois World*. University of California Press, 1997.
- Bayly, Christopher A. “The First Age of Global Imperialism, c. 1760-1830,” in *The Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History*. Volume 26. Issue 2 (1998): 28-47.

#### **W2 (9/9) Comparing Empires**

- Stoler, Laura A. “Tense and Tender Ties: The Politics of Comparison in North American History and (Post) Colonial Studies,” in *Haunted by Empire: Geographies of Intimacy in North American History*. Duke University Press, 2006.
- Potter, SJ and Saha, J. “Global History, Imperial History and Connected Histories of Empire.” *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History*, 16:1 (2015).
- Fletcher, Joseph F. “Integrative History: Parallels and Interconnections in the Early Modern Period, 1500–1800”, *Journal of Turkish Studies*, 9(1): 37–57.

### **W3 (9/14) Considering the Qing as an Empire**

#### **\*No Reading Notes**

- Rowe, William T. *China’s Last Empire: The Great Qing*.
- ➔ We will also talk about how to write book reviews.

### **W3 (9/16) Considering the Qing as an Empire**

- Lynn A. Struve, ed., *The Qing Formation in World-Historical Time*. Harvard University Asia Center. 2004. Read “Introduction” by Lynn Struve. “The Qing Formation and the Early Modern Period,” by Evelyn Rawski. “Neither Late

Imperial nor Early Modern: Efflorescences and the Qing Formation in World History” by Jack Goldstone.

- Chang, Michael G. *A Court on Horseback: Imperial Touring and the Construction of Qing Rule, 1680–1785*. Harvard University Asia Center, 2007. Intro and Ch 2.

#### **W4 (9/21) How did empires work? Bureaucracy – 1**

- Weber, Max, Hans Heinrich Gerth, and C. Wright Mills. “Bureaucracy,” in *From Max Weber: Essays in Sociology*. Milton Park, Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge, 2009.
- Hodes, Martha. “Fractions and fictions in the United States census of 1890,” in Stoler, Ann Laura. *Haunted by Empire: Geographies of Intimacy in North American History*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2006, 240-271.

#### **W4 (9/23) How did empires work? Intermediaries – 1**

- Michael Crowder, “Indirect Rule: French and British Style” in *Journal of the International African Institute*. Vol. 34, No. 3 (1964): 197-205.
- Munis D. Faruqi, *The Princes of the Mughal Empire*. Cambridge University Press; Reprint Edition, 2015. Introduction and Ch 5.

#### **W5 (9/28) How did empires work? Bureaucracy – 2**

- Wu, Silas. *Communication and Imperial Control in China: Evolution of the Palace Memorial System, 1693-1735*. Harvard University Press, 1970. Ch4, 5, and 6.
- Kuhn, Philip A. *Soulstealers: The Chinese Sorcery Scare of 1768*. S.L.: Harvard University Press, 2006. Ch 9 and Ch 10.

#### **W5 (9/30) How did empires work? Intermediaries – 2**

- Spence, Jonathan D. *Ts'ao Yin and the K'ang-hsi Emperor: Bondservant and Master*. Yale University Press, 1966. (Skim or focus on Ch3-6.)
- Crossley, Pamela K, “The Tong in Two Worlds: Cultural Identities in Liaodong and Nurgan during the 13th-17th centuries”, in *Ch'ing-shih wen-t'i*, Volume 4, Number 9, June 1983, pp. 21-46

#### **W6 (10/5) Encounters and Control – 1**

- Chaplin, Jocelyn. *Subject Matter: Technology, the Body, and Science on the Anglo-American Frontier, 1500-1676*. Harvard University Press, 2003.

#### **W6 (10/7) Encounter and Control – 1**

- Giersch, Patterson C. *Asian Borderlands: The Transformation of Qing China's Yunnan Frontier*. Harvard University Press, 2006. Intro and Part One.
- Perdue, Peter C. "Nature and Nurture on Imperial China's Frontiers." *Modern Asian Studies*, vol. 43, no. 1, 2009, pp. 245–267.

### **W7 (10/12) Encounter and Control – 2**

**\*No Reading Notes**

### **W7 (10/15) Encounter and Control – 2**

- Hostetler, Laura. *Qing Colonial Enterprise: Ethnography and Cartography in Early Modern China*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2001. Intro and Ch 3.
- Teng, Emma. *Taiwan's Imagined Geography*. Harvard University Asia Center; New edition: 2006. Intro, Ch 2, and Ch 4.

### **W8 (10/19) Marriage and sexuality – 1**

- Scott, Joan W. "Gender: A Useful Category of Historical Analysis." *The American Historical Review*, vol. 91, no. 5, 1986, pp. 1053–1075.
- Higginbotham, A. Leon Jr. and Kopytoff, Barbara K. "Racial Purity and Interracial Sex in the Law of Colonial and Antebellum Virginia," *Georgetown Law Journal*, 77 (Aug. 1989), 1967-2029.

### **W8 (10/21) Marriage and sexuality – 1**

**\*No Reading Notes**

**First Book Review Due**

### **W9 (10/26) Marriage and sexuality – 2**

**\*No Reading Notes**

### **W9 (10/28) Marriage and sexuality – 2**

- Theiss, Janet. *Disgraceful Matters: The Politics of Chastity in Eighteenth-Century China*. First edition. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2005. Intro and Part 2.
- Sommer, Matthew. *Polyandry and wife-selling in Qing dynasty China: Survival Strategies and Judicial Interventions*. University of California Press, 2015. Intro and Ch 4.

### **W10 (11/2) Law and Society**

- Benton, Lauren A. *Law and Colonial Cultures: Legal Regimes in World History, 1400-1900*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002. Intro and Ch 4.
- Kolsky, Elizabeth. "Codification and the Rule of Colonial Difference: Criminal Procedure in British India." *Law and History Review*, vol. 23, no. 3, 2005, pp. 631–683.

### **W10 (11/4) Law and Society**

- Salyer, Lucy E. *Laws Harsh as Tigers: Chinese Immigrants and the Shaping of Modern Immigration Law*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1995. Intro, Ch 3, and 4.
- Banner, Stuart. *How the Indians Lost Their Land: Law and Power on the Frontier*. Cambridge, Mass.: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2005. Intro and Ch 3.

### **W11 (11/9) Law and Society**

- Allee, Mark A. *Law and Local Society in Late Imperial China: Northern Taiwan in the Nineteenth Century*. Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 1994. Read Ch 3 for background info and choose at least one chapter from 4 to 7 for case study.
- Heuschert, Dorothea. "Legal Pluralism in the Qing Empire: Manchu Legislation for the Mongols." *The International History Review*, 20:2 (2010), 310-324.

### **W11 (11/11) Law and Society**

- Chen, Li. *Chinese Law in Imperial Eyes: Sovereignty, Justice, and Transcultural Politics*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2015.
- Zhang, Ting. *Circulating the Code: Print Media and Legal Knowledge in Qing China*. United States, University of Washington Press, 2020. Intro and Ch 2.

### **W12 (11/16) Making the imperial past**

#### **Second Book Review Due**

- Melish, Joanne Pope. *Disowning Slavery: Gradual Emancipation and "Race" In New England, 1780-1860*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1998. Intro, Ch 5, and 6.
- Balabanlilar, Lisa. *Imperial Identity in the Mughal Empire: Memory and Dynastic Politics in Early Modern South and Central Asia*. London: I.B. Tauris, 2012. Intro and Ch 2.

### **W12 (11/18) Making the imperial past**

- Crossley, Pamela K. "Manzhou yuanliu kao and the Formalization of the Manchu Heritage." *The Journal of Asian Studies*, 46:4 (1987), 761-790.
- Meyer-Fong, Tobie. *What Remains: Coming to Terms with Civil War in 19th Century China*. United States, Stanford University Press, 2013. Intro and choose at least one more chapter of interest.

### **W13 Thanksgiving!**

#### **W14 (11/30) After empire**

- K Nicolaïdis, B Sèbe, and G Maas, *Echoes of Empire. Memory, Identity, and Colonial Legacies*. I.B. Tauris, 2014. Read "Between Memory, History and Historiography: Contesting Ottoman Legacies in Turkey, 1923-2012" by Nara F. Onar. "Epilogue: Chinese Empire Meets the West: A Centennial Conundrum for China" by Zhu Liqun and Feng Jicheng.
- Immerwahr, Daniel. *How to Hide an Empire: A Short History of the Greater United States*. United Kingdom, Random House, 2019. Intro.

#### **W14 (12/2) After empire**

- Duara, Prasenjit. *Rescuing History from the Nation: Questioning Narratives of Modern China*. Ukraine, University of Chicago Press, 1996. Intro and Ch 2.
  - Perry, Elizabeth J.. *Beyond Regimes: China and India Compared*. United States, Brill, 2020. Ch 4.
  - James Millward, "'Re-educating' Xinjiang's Muslims," NYRB 66.2 (2019)
- ➔ We will talk about how to write longer book review.

### **12/21 Third Book Review Due**

#### **Reading list:**

- Andrade, Tonio. *How Taiwan Became Chinese*. Columbia University Press; First Edition edition, 2008.
- Bello, David Anthony. *Across Forest, Steppe and Mountain: Environment, Identity, and Empire In Qing China's Borderlands*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015.
- Bray, Francesca. *Technology and Gender: Fabrics of Power In Late Imperial China*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1997.

- Briggs, Laura. *Reproducing Empire: Race, Sex, Science, and U.S. Imperialism in Puerto Rico*. United States, University of California Press, 2003.
- Brook, Timothy. *The Confusions of Pleasure: Commerce and Culture in Ming China*. United Kingdom: University of California Press, 1999.
- Brown, Kathleen M. *Good Wives, Nasty Wenches, and Anxious Patriarchs: Gender, Race, and Power In Colonial Virginia*. Chapel Hill: Published for the Institute of Early American History and Culture by the University of North Carolina Press, 1996.
- Burrill, Emily. *States of Marriage: Gender, Justice, and Rights in Colonial Mali*. Athens, Ohio: Ohio University Press, 2015. Intro,
- Cassel, Pär Kristoffer. *Grounds of Judgment: Extraterritoriality and Imperial Power in Nineteenth-century China and Japan*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012.
- Chatani, Sayaka. *Nation-Empire: Ideology and Rural Youth Mobilization in Japan and Its Colonies*. United States: Cornell University Press, 2018.
- Ching, Leo T. S.. *Becoming Japanese: Colonial Taiwan and the Politics of Identity Formation*. United Kingdom: University of California Press, 2001.
- Crossley, Pamela K. *Orphan Warriors: three Manchu generations and the end of the Qing world*. Princeton University Press, 1990.
- Dai, Yingcong. *The Sichuan Frontier and Tibet: Imperial Strategy in the Early Qing*. University of Washington Press, 2009.
- Dirks, Nicholas. *Castes of Mind: Colonialism and the Making of Modern India*. Princeton University Press, 2001.
- Duara, Prasenjit. *Culture, Power, and the State: Rural North China, 1900-1942*. United States, Stanford University Press, 1991.
- Duara, Prasenjit. *Sovereignty and Authenticity: Manchukuo and the East Asian Modern*. United Kingdom, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2004.
- DuVal, Kathleen. *The Native Ground: Indians and Colonists in the Heart of the Continent*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2006.
- Edwards, Laura F. *A Legal History of the Civil War and Reconstruction: A Nation of Rights*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015.
- Elverskog, Johan. *Our Great Qing: The Mongols, Buddhism, and the State in Late Imperial China*. University of Hawaii Press, 2006.
- Epstein, Maram. *Orthodox Passions: Narrating Filial Love during the High Qing*. Harvard University Asia Center, 2019.
- Erman, Sam. *Almost Citizens: Puerto Rico, the U.S. Constitution, and Empire*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019.



- Faure, David. *Emperor and Ancestor: State and Lineage in South China*. Stanford University Press, 2007.
- Frymer, Paul. *Building an American Empire: The Era of Territorial and Political Expansion*. United Kingdom, Princeton University Press, 2019.
- Giersch, Patterson C. *Asian Borderlands: The Transformation of Qing China's Yunnan Frontier*. Harvard University Press, 2006.
- Guy, Kent R. *The emperor's four Treasuries: Scholars and the State in the Late Ch'ien-lung Era*. Harvard University Press, 1987.
- Hall, Catherine. *Civilising Subjects: Metropole and Colony in the English Imagination, 1830-1867*. Oxford: Polity, 2002.
- Halsey, Stephen R. *Quest for Power: European Imperialism and the Making of Chinese Statecraft*. Harvard University Press, 2015.
- Haney-López, Ian. *White by Law: the Legal Construction of Race*. New York: New York University Press, 1996.
- Hevia, James Louis. *Cherishing Men from Afar: Qing Guest Ritual and the Macartney Embassy of 1793*. Durham: Duke University Press, 1995.
- Hostetler, Laura. *Qing Colonial Enterprise: Ethnography and Cartography in Early Modern China*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2001.
- Hudson, Peter James. *Bankers and Empire: How Wall Street Colonized the Caribbean*. United Kingdom, University of Chicago Press, 2017.
- Judge, Joan. *The Precious Raft of History: The Past, the West, and the Woman Question in China*. Stanford University Press, 2010.
- Kahn, Harold L. *Monarchy in the Emperor's Eyes: Image and Reality in the Ch'ien-lung Reign*. First Edition. Cambridge, Mass: Harvard University Press, 1971
- Karl, Rebecca E.. *Staging the World: Chinese Nationalism at the Turn of the Twentieth Century*. Ukraine, Duke University Press, 2002.
- Keliher, Macabe. *The Board of Rites and the Making of Qing China*. University of California Press, 2019.
- Kim, Hodong. *Holy War in China: The Muslim Rebellion and State in Central Asia, 1864-1877*. Stanford University Press; 1 edition, 2004.
- Ko, Dorothy. *Cinderella's Sisters: A Revisionist History of Footbinding*. University of California Press, 2007.
- Ko, Dorothy. *Teachers of the Inner Chambers: Women and Culture in Seventeenth-century China*. Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 1994.
- Lee, Christopher J. *Unreasonable Histories: Nativism, Multiracial Lives, and the Genealogical Imagination in British Africa*. Duke University Press, 2014.

- Leonard, Jane K. *Controlling from Afar: The Daoguang Emperor's Handling of the Grand Canal Crisis, 1824-1826*. University of Michigan Center for Chinese Studies, 1996.
- Leong, Sow-Theng. *Migration and Ethnicity in Chinese History: Hakkas, Pengmin, and their Neighbors*. Stanford University Press; 1 edition, 1997.
- Liu, Lydia. *The Clash of Empires: The Invention of China in Modern World Making*. 2006.
- Macauley, Melissa. *Social Power and Legal Culture: Litigation Masters in Late Imperial China*. Stanford University Press; 1 edition, 1998.
- Mann, Susan. *Precious Records: Women in China's Long Eighteenth Century*. Stanford University Press; 1 edition, 1997.
- Miles, Steven B. *Upriver Journeys: Diaspora and Empire in Southern China, 1570–1850*. 1 edition. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Asia Center, 2017.
- Millward, James A. *Beyond the Pass: Economy, Ethnicity, and Empire In Qing Central Asia, 1759-1864*. Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 1998.
- Mosca, Matthew. *From Frontier Policy to Foreign Policy: The Question of India and the Transformation of Geopolitics in Qing China*. Stanford University Press: 2012.
- Newby, Laura J. *The Empire and the Khanate: A Political History of Qing Relations with Khoqand C1760-1860*. Brill Academic Pub, 2005.
- Pascoe, Peggy. *What Comes Naturally: Miscegenation Law and the Making of Race in America*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009.
- Peirce, Leslie P. *Morality Tales: Law and Gender in the Ottoman Court of Aintab*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 2003.
- Perdue, Peter C. *China Marches West: the Qing Conquest of Central Eurasia*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2005.
- Perry, Adele. *On the Edge of Empire: Gender, Race, and the Making of British Columbia, 1849-1871*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2001.
- Pomeranz, Kenneth. *The Great Divergence: China, Europe, and the Making of the Modern World Economy*. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 2000.
- Ray, Carina E. *Crossing the Color Line: Race, Sex, and the Contested Politics of Colonialism in Ghana*. Athens, Ohio: Ohio University Press, 2015.
- Reardon-Anderson, James. *Reluctant Pioneers: China's Expansion Northward, 1644-1937*. Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 2005.

- Rhoads, Edward J. M. *Manchus and Han: Ethnic Relations and Political Power in Late Qing and Early Republican China, 1861-1928. Reprint edition.* Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2000.
- Robinson, David. *Ming and Its Allies: Imperial Rule in Eurasia.* Cambridge University Press, 2019.
- Rowe, William T. *Speaking of Profit: Bao Shichen and Reform in Nineteenth Century China.* Harvard University Asia Center, 2018.
- Said, Edward W. *Orientalism.* Vintage Books ed. New York: Vintage Books, 1994.
- Schlesinger, Jonathan. *A World Trimmed with Fur: Wild Things, Pristine Places, and the Natural Fringes of Qing.* Stanford, California: Stanford University Press, 2017.
- Schorkowitz, Dittmar, and Ning Chia. *Managing Frontiers In Qing China: the Lifanyuan and Libu Revisited.* Boston: Brill, 2017.
- Scott, James C. *The Moral Economy of the Peasant: Rebellion and Subsistence in Southeast Asia.* New Haven: Yale University Press, 1976.
- Schmid, Andre. *Korea Between Empires, 1895-1919.* United Kingdom: Columbia University Press, 2002.
- Shin, Leo K. *The Making of the Chinese State: Ethnicity and Expansion on the Ming Borderlands.* Reissue edition. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012.
- Sommer, Matthew Harvey. *Sex, Law, and Society in Late Imperial China.* Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 2000.
- Song, Nianshen. *Making Borders In Modern East Asia: the Tumen River Demarcation, 1881-1919.* Cambridge, United Kingdom: Cambridge University Press, 2018.
- Stoler, Ann Laura. *Carnal Knowledge and Imperial Power: Race and the Intimate in Colonial Rule.* Berkeley: University of California Press, 2010.
- Teng, Emma. *Taiwan's Imagined Geography.* Harvard University Asia Center; New edition, 2006.
- Trouillot, Michel-Rolph. *Silencing the Past: Power and the Production of History.* United States, Beacon Press, 2015.
- Turan Kayaoglu, *Legal Imperialism: Sovereignty and Extraterritoriality in Japan, the Ottoman Empire, and China.* Cambridge University Press; First Edition, First Printing edition, 2010.
- Uchida, Jun. *Brokers of Empire: Japanese Settler Colonialism in Korea, 1876-1945.* United Kingdom: Harvard University Press, 2014.
- Walker, Brett L.. *The Conquest of Ainu Lands: Ecology and Culture in Japanese Expansion, 1590-1800.* United Kingdom, University of California Press, 2006.

- Weiner, Michael. *Race and Migration in Imperial Japan*. United Kingdom: Taylor & Francis, 2013.
- Wigen, Kären. *The Making of a Japanese Periphery, 1750-1920*. United States, University of California Press, 1995.
- White, Richard. *The Middle Ground: Indians, Empires, and Republics in the Great Lakes Region, 1650-1815*. 2nd ed. Leiden: Cambridge University Press, 2010.
- Wolfe, Patrick. *Settler Colonialism*. United Kingdom, Bloomsbury Academic, 1999.
- Zarrow, Peter. *After Empire: The Conceptual Transformation of the Chinese State, 1885-1924*. Stanford University Press; 1 edition, 2012.
- Zhao, Gang. *The Qing Opening to the Ocean: Chinese maritime policies, 1684-1757*. 2013.