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# CHINA'S PATH TO MODERNITY (1800-1990)

Welcome aboard, ladies and gentlemen!

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The Time is ... MW 11:30-12:55 PM

The Place is ... Adams 208

The Destination is...

China 中 國

### Where the Ship Is Anchored:

101 38 College Street. The captain will be pleased to meet you anytime between 3:30-5:30PM every Tuesday or by appointment. Bring your talking parrot if you desire.



### Guidebooks You Need:

Atwill, David G. and Yurong Y. Atwill eds. *Sources in Chinese History: Diverse Perspectives from 1644 to the Present*. Upper Saddle River: Pearson/Prentice Hall, 2009. **ISBN-10:** 013233089X

Schoppa, R. Keith. *Revolution and Its Past: Identities and Change in Modern Chinese History*. 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. Upper Saddle River: Pearson/Prentice Hall, 2010. **ISBN-10:** 0205726917

### PDF Readings:

In addition to the textbooks, we will read a selection of primary sources (in translation) and some secondary scholarship. The readings are available on Blackboard as PDFs. Click on “PDF Readings” and you will find the files organized week by week.

### How Long the Journey Takes:

Two hundred years, from the 1800s through the 1990s. It is merely a fraction of the enormously long Chinese history, so far the shortest the Captain has managed. But she assures you that this is going to be quite a seafaring adventure. We will set out in the (deceptively) calm waters of the Qing dynasty, when an emperor rules the Middle Kingdom with pride and poise. In the offing, we will be encountering the British, French, and later Japanese steam-engine warships, lurking about, ready to land with opium and guns. We will sail through a misty fog and observe the Qing literati trying out possibilities of modernization. We shall also steam onto clear waters when the birth of the first republic is announced and anxious hopes arise among suit-wearing intelligentsia. To follow, in the

sunrise red, Mao emerges and introduces us to a span of restless, capricious waters. Straits and fjords are awaiting exploration.