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Course description  
This is a survey course that covers Taiwan from prehistorical times to the present. Most of the course will concentrate on the history of the island since Chinese immigrants first began arriving in the sixteenth century. The course will cover political, military, demographic, economic, and cultural history.

Course requirements  
Students will take midterm and final examinations, submit a prospectus, and write a term paper of 3500-4000 words.

The midterm and final examinations will consist of short ID and essay questions. The final examination will be comprehensive but will concentrate more heavily on the material covered since the midterm. Review sheets will be handed out approximately one week prior to the midterm and final examinations. Examinations will cover both lecture presentations and assigned readings. Students should neither expect lectures to be mere recitations of reading assignments nor regard the assigned readings as substitutes for lecture attendance. The lectures will contain some material not covered in detail in the readings. The reverse also holds. Before you take an examination, you should thoroughly review both your reading and your lecture notes.

The prospectus is an outline of what the student proposes to do for the term paper. It is a short (one-page) outline of your topic and at least three sources (books, articles, images) you have identified for it. You should use at least one book and one journal article. In your prospectus, please describe your topic in a few sentences and then list the sources you plan to use. The prospectus is due in class on Tuesday 30 October 2018. Late prospectuses will be penalized by 10% and an additional 10% thereafter for each week or portion thereof they are late.

The paper is to be written in formal academic style with footnotes, endnotes, or parenthetical references. (For pointers and much useful information, including style requirements, see the Department of History’s very valuable “Short Guide to Writing History Essays” at http://hist.ucalgary.ca/sites/hist.ucalgary.ca/files/EssayHandbook1.pdf ) The paper will be graded on the basis of its focus, analysis, and correctness of grammar and language usage. The sources must be listed in a bibliography, to be stapled to the back of the paper. Please do not use expensive bond paper or any type of cover. Simply staple the pages together at the upper left corner. The paper is due in class on Thursday 29 November 2018. Do not plagiarise on your term papers or cheat on your examinations. Any student found cheating on an examination or
deliberately and blatantly plagiarizing on a term paper will receive a failing grade for the entire course.

Grading

Students who attend lectures regularly and read the assigned material carefully stand a good chance of doing well in this course. Those who attend lectures sporadically and do only piecemeal reading will likely earn the fair to poor marks they deserve. Grades are calculated according to point totals. Possible point totals are as below.

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Textbooks


Lectures

N.B. These lectures and dates are *tentative* and subject to change as class needs dictate.

**September**

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Introduction

Taiwan history overview
*Reading:* Rubinstein, 3-26

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Qing historical overview
*Reading:* None

Aboriginal Taiwan and Taiwan’s aboriginal languages
*Reading:* None

Taiwan prehistory and Austronesian dispersal
*Reading:* Rubinstein, 27-44

18, 20

The Spanish era
*Reading:* None

The Dutch era, 1624-1661
*Reading:* Rubinstein, 84-106

The Cheng era, 1661-1683
*Reading:* None

25, 27

Qing conquest of Taiwan
*Reading:* None

The Taiwan frontier
*Reading:* None

Lu-kang
*Reading:* Rubinstein, 45-83, 107-200

**October**

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The settlement of the I-lan Plain
*Reading:* None

Taiwan’s walled cities and towns
*Reading:* None
Taiwan placenames
Reading: None

9, 11 Social disorder and political rebellion in Qing Taiwan
Reading: None
The Lin Shuang-wen uprising
Reading: None
Nineteenth-century Chinese history overview
Reading: None

16, 18 Foreign aggression in Taiwan, Xinjiang, and Vietnam, 1870s-1880s
Reading: None

Midterm examination (Thursday 18 October 2018, in class)

23, 25 The Sino-Japanese War, 1894-1895
Reading: None
The 1895 Taiwan war of resistance and Japanese rule in Taiwan
Reading: Roy, 1-54; Rubinstein, 201-274
James Wheeler Davidson
Reading: None

November

Oct 30, Nov 1 Term paper prospectus due (in class, Tuesday 30 October 2018)
Twentieth-century Chinese history overview
Reading: None
The restoration of Chinese Rule and the February 28 Incident (9 pages)
Reading: Roy, 55-103; Rubinstein, 275-319
Taiwan: The Cold War years
Reading: Roy, 105-151; Rubinstein, 320-365

6, 8 KMT dictatorship and the White Terror
Reading: None
Bo Yang
Reading: None
K’o Ch’i-hua
Reading: None

13, 15  **Term break; no class meetings**

20, 22  Kao Chun-ming  
Reading: None

Taiwan’s “economic miracle”  
Reading: Rubinstein, 366-402

Taiwan’s democratisation  
Reading: Roy, 152-226; Rubinstein, 436-495

27, 29  The politics of Taiwan’s past, present, and future  
Reading: Rubinstein, 419-435

The Chen and Ma presidencies  
Reading: Roy, 227-246; Rubinstein, 496-540

**Term paper due** (in class, Thursday 29 November 2018)  
Taiwan in contemporary film (I)

December

4, 6  Taiwan in contemporary film (II)

Taiwan in contemporary film (III)

Taiwan in contemporary film (IV)

**Final examination: Time and place TBA** Be certain to have read CHI Pang-yuan, *The Great Flowing River: A Memoir of China, from Manchuria to Taiwan*, for the final exam.
Some useful books

PRE-CHINESE PERIOD


SPANISH PERIOD (1626-1643)


DUTCH PERIOD


MING LOYALIST PERIOD


**QING PERIOD (1683-1895)**


Eskildsen, Robert, ed. *Foreign Adventurers and the Aborigines of Southern Taiwan, 1867-1874: Western Sources Related to Japan’s 1874 Expedition to Taiwan.* Taipei: Institute of Taiwan History, Academia Sinica, 2005.

LeGendre, General C. W. *Is Aboriginal Formosa a Part of the Chinese Empire?* Shanghai: Lane, Crawford, 1874.


**JAPANESE COLONIAL PERIOD (1895-1945)**


**REPUBLIC OF CHINA PERIOD (1945-PRESENT)**


**SURVEY AND TOPICAL HISTORIES**


**INDIGENES**


Taylor, George. *Aborigines of South Taiwan in the 1880s / Papers by the South Cape Lightkeeper, George Taylor; edited and with an introduction by Glen Dudbridge*. Taipei: Shung Ye Museum of Formosan Aborigines; Institute of Taiwan History, Academia Sinica, 1999.

Torii, Ryō. *Les aborigènes de Formose*. Tokyo: College of Science, Tokyo Imperial University, 1900.


**TOPICAL VOLUMES**


**ONLINE BIBLIOGRAPHY**

http://www.niaslin.dk/gateway_to_asia/Asia_insights/Taiwan%20Bibliography1.pdf