# Meeting Prep

## Essay

Total number of words: 2,500-3000

Date: October 25, 2024

Possibilities: Via literature review

## Q1

where do you want to go for the essay; comparing-connection-global: units, scope/scale, time, comparands, questions and tertium comparationis? Note that this assignment cannot be more than a starting point, a careful layout for research.

* Comparing
* Topic: Guilds, looking at aspects that Prak looks at
  + Terminology
    - Gongsuo first and then huiguan (p. 14)[[1]](#footnote-1)
  + Relation to government and their purpose
    - Deeply financial role.
      * Banking
  + Religion
  + Charity
* Time: Ming and Qing dynasty
* Case study: Merchant guilds.[[2]](#footnote-2)
  + One of the earliest ones is Shanxi merchants
  + Or the Yangzi region

Possible lit:

[**Chinese Merchant Guil ds: An Historical Inquiry**](https://www.jstor.org/stable/3639672?casa_token=wQO8nK1OA7QAAAAA%3AmoooLBLwKgP-wjfmKHup0hFvf5nWbpoNhyOMtY-s3Q6q6TOEqO-E17P_ct2w0IMjCPLE1iGBB8Nl0dqBpXtY42NH3QZLWTY0L0-AU0DD-8JPHayh6nU&seq=1)

[**The rise of Shanxi merchants : empire, institutions, and social change in Qing China, 1688-1850**](https://purl.stanford.edu/bg803zm7823) **🡪 Can we use PhD thesis?**

[**Merchants and Society in Modern China: Rise of Merchant Groups**](https://library.lol/main/41240C8D43B4799469D04D5DDEC10D4B)

[***The Origins of Chinese Chambers of Commerce in the Lower Yangzi Region. Modern China, 27(2), 155–201.***](https://sci-hub.se/https:/doi.org/10.1177/009770040102700201)

[**The Shanxi Banks**](https://www.nber.org/papers/w15884)

# # Conclusions

**He liked my work with Praak. He thought that I could have been more balanced regarding the positive aspects. Grade: 7.5**

**He found the topic of guilds interesting and the Moll-Murata text interesting.**

**He said that it would be interesting to develop a set of criteria through which to look at guilds, looking specifically at Chinese guilds.[[3]](#footnote-3)What does the Chinese example teach?**

**3 criteria/themes would be more than enough.**

**I am thinking:**

* **Religion 🡪 Praak**
* **Finance 🡪 My own**
* **Missing 🡪 To research**

**I need to dicide on whether or not I want to choose one specific guild or generalize it**

* **One specific 🡪 Need to broaden**
* **Generalize 🡪 Methodological regarding the development of these criteria**

**Since he is directing my work, if I have any questions I can go to him for further help regarding literature or how to organize it.**

1. [Chinese Merchant Guilds: An Historical Inquiry](https://www.jstor.org/stable/3639672?casa_token=9F8rg1P2lUQAAAAA%3AIJP4aQ10JsupfrYigr6nJxImV8MinC8FXhLMAJfg4z8Ly2KciQFCoCfpFQpb47uJCVjjVGBemuXhnz-Ja3z4bRnwfOD4K911rxBPN6ombQD5caVgzd4&seq=2) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. They develop earlier. [Chinese Merchant Guilds: An Historical Inquiry](https://www.jstor.org/stable/3639672?casa_token=9F8rg1P2lUQAAAAA%3AIJP4aQ10JsupfrYigr6nJxImV8MinC8FXhLMAJfg4z8Ly2KciQFCoCfpFQpb47uJCVjjVGBemuXhnz-Ja3z4bRnwfOD4K911rxBPN6ombQD5caVgzd4&seq=2) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. What criteria would be developed if using China as an example. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)