

# MO3055 The History of History in East Asia

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**Ban Zhao - Han dynasty historian and scholar. Completed the *Book of Han***

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## Overview of Topics

1. Introductions and Overview
2. The Spring and Autumn Annals and its Commentaries
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9. Marxist History in East Asia
10. History in the Japanese Empire
11. Contested Histories in Postwar East Asia

## Key Details

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**Meets:** Fall, 2019 - TBD

**Location:** TBD

**Office:** St. Katharine's Lodge B3 **Office Hours:** TBD

## Description

This module provides a selective thematic survey on the evolving approaches to history in East Asia across a broad chronology, with a focus on those states broadly impacted by the culture of what has been called the Sinosphere (today's Japan, China, Taiwan, and the Korean peninsula). It introduces students to a variety of genres of historical writing, debates on historical methodology and, moving into more recent times, controversies related to historical narratives that have had profound impacts on domestic as well as international politics. Students will read examples of historical scholarship from the region in translation but also engage with a wider secondary scholarship on historiography, as well as encounter efforts to understand East Asian approaches to historical writing in a comparative context.

## Assessment Summary

10% Essay Abstract and Annotated Bibliography – 500 words

20% Blog Entries – 4 postings together a minimum of 2,400 words

50% Long Essay – 5,000 words

20% Two Assessed Presentations 7 minutes each

*All submissions are by MMS and due before midnight*

## Learning Outcomes

- Apprehend the diversity of approaches to historical writing in an East Asian context
- Understand the role of fictional or semi-fictional epics, poetry, and novels in influencing historical writing and the broader historical imagination.
- Evaluate the impact of historical writing on the international politics of East Asia since 1945
- Compare debates on historical method found in the East Asian context with similar debates elsewhere
- Understand the challenges of deploying the European theory of Marxist history on the broad sweep of national and regional histories of East Asia
- Analyse the discourses of selected themes, such as those on women in power, across multiple historical texts in translation.

# Tutorial Preparation

## Reading

This module, which has no final exam, is designed to provide you flexibility in your learning, while also providing themes that enable us to have rich seminar discussion. It is important that you come to tutorial well prepared as you will be expected to know the materials well. Your preparation for each week will require the usual 15-20 hours of work, and I suggest you **divide the preparation time across three days**. Your reading and research each week is comprised of:

- 1) Core readings that all students are required to read, usually around 150-200 pages (4-8 hours)
- 2) Additional required 'elective' reading that is selected by the student from several options provided. You must choose one category of readings to prepare and provide an elective reading handout. Usually less than 50 pages. (2-4 hours)
- 3) Each week you should do further reading in the general area of your long essay, do other research or writing towards the prospectus, long essay, or work on your blog entries and presentation preparation. (3-8 hours)

## Elective Reading Handout

Each week, you should post a handout (no more than one page front and back; see above under presentation section) relating to the category of *elective readings* you have done to the class files on Teams each week by noon the day before class. This is to allow other students, and myself, to review the handouts the evening before class. The handout *should not be raw notes* on the text. Compose a notes-on-notes approach which highlights key arguments, an overview of the text structure, perhaps listing some key people, events, or historiography mentioned in the text, and consider including one or more full sentence bullet points with your reflection/critique/evaluation of the work. If the elective reading consisted of multiple chapters, you must include an overview of arguments/structure of all chapters, but may optionally focus the majority of your handout on one chapter or section if you want to go into more detail.

Use Microsoft Teams to claim particular readings for your elective reading in a first come, first serve fashion. Try to ensure all elective readings are covered before choosing one already taken, feel free to arrange switches. Since choices are fewer than students in most semesters, so we will get more than one handout. This is useful as differing interpretations of what was important, different critiques, focus on different sections, etc. will meaningfully inform the discussion.

Although you are not given a mark for it, please note that your weekly elective reading handout is a *required* piece of work. You will receive an academic alert if you fail to submit the elective reading handout by noon the day before class, and you may then be asked to submit a short review essay of the work for the alert to be resolved. *Note:* It is perfectly fine if your blog entries are written about the same text or texts that your chosen elective reading and handout are about.

## Introducing Elective Readings and your Essay Progress to Your Classmates

In submitting your handout you are showing your understanding of the main arguments and themes of the elective reading you chose. Use your knowledge of this reading as you contribute to the seminar discussion. Sometimes, you may be called upon in class, without warning, to tell the class a bit more about the category of elective readings that you read or answer questions about claims and arguments you have mentioned in the handout. It is therefore important that you have your broader notes organised well enough to allow you to clearly and concisely articulate the main ideas.

You will also be asked in class to report on the progress on your long essay research in multiple weeks. Please be sure to reserve some time each week to work on your long essay and be ready to say what progress you have made on it.

## Seminars

**Please Note:** We have an online reading list for the module for your convenience but it is harder to read, is sometimes missing texts, and does not include specific tasks that I set for your preparation. Please make sure that you always work from this handbook as you prepare your readings but you can check for ebook versions etc. with the digital reading list.

*Again:* this handbook is the canonical version of your preparation guidelines. Please work from this handbook as you review readings for the week ahead.

P = Text is a candidate for presentations

## Week 1 - Introductions and Overview

### Required Reading

I will be emailing prospective students prior to the start of the semester (over the summer when this module is taught during the fall) and encourage you to have come to class having read the chapters related to East Asian historiography in *The Oxford History of Historical Writing* series. We have ebook access to these through the library. Please read the chapters below (about 550 pages including bibliographies) as all of these contain many possibilities for your long essay beyond what is covered in seminar themes, but if you are not able to find time for them all, then please focus on those with a “\*\*” after the title, most of all, and thereafter those with “\*”.

#### *Vol 1*

- Ch 15 History and Inscriptions, China
- Ch 16 Chinese History and Philosophy \*\*
- Ch 17 Pre-Qin Annals \*\*
- Ch 18 Historiography and Empire
- Ch 19 Sima Qian and the Shiji \*\*
- Ch 20 The Han Histories \*
- Ch 21 Historiography of the Six Dynasties Period (220-581)
- Ch 22 Buddhism: Biographies of Buddhist Monks

#### *Vol 2*

- Ch 1 The Growth of Historical Method in Tang China \*
- Ch 2 Chinese Historiography in the Age of Maturity, 960-1368 \*
- Ch 3 The Birth and Flowering of Japanese Historiography \*
- Ch 6 The Tradition of Historical Writing in Korea \*

#### *Vol 3*

- Ch 1 Chinese Official Historical Writing under the Ming and Qing
- Ch 2 The Historical Writing of Qing Imperial Expansion
- Ch 3 Private Historiography in Late Imperial China
- Ch 4 A Social History of Japanese Historical Writing \*\*
- Ch 5 Writing History in Pre-Modern Korea \*\*

#### *Vol 4* Ch 24 The Transformation of History in China and Japan \*\*

#### *Vol 5*

- Ch 30 Chinese Historical Writing since 1949 \*\*
- Ch 31 Japanese Historical Writing \*\*
- Ch 32 Historians and Historical Writing in Modern Korea \*\*

### Elective Reading

For your elective reading handout, please select one of the chapters of the Oxford History that interests you.

### Further Reading

Since you should be focusing on research for your long essay throughout the semester, you are not required to do any particular further reading on any given week. However, this section in each week will be useful for you as you

think about the topic for your long essay and provide you with additional sources that can serve as the starting place for your research.

This module assumes that you have read extensively on historiography in your HI2001 module. You may want to refresh your memory or deepen your engagement with the broader debates in historiography with the following texts, which will also often be good starting points for the theoretical engagement of your essays.

#### Surveys for Starting Points

- Budd, Adam *Modern Historiography Reader*
- Iggers, Georg G. *Historiography in the Twentieth Century: From Scientific Objectivity to the Postmodern Challenge From Scientific Objectivity to the Postmodern Challenge*
- Iggers, Georg G, Wang, Edward Q. and Mukherjee, Supriya A *Global History of Modern Historiography*
- Woolf, Daniel A *Global History of History*

#### Theoretical Reflections and Differing Approaches

- Ankersmit, Frank *Meaning, Truth, and Reference in Historical Representation*
- Appleby, Joyce, Lynn Hunt, and Margaret Jacob *Telling the Truth about History*
- Bloch, Marc *The Historian's Craft*
- Burke, Peter *History and Social Theory*
- Burke, Peter *New Perspectives on Historical Writing*
- Breisach, Ernst *On the Future of History: The Postmodernist Challenge and Its Aftermath*
- Burckhardt, Jacob *Judgements on History & Historians*
- Carr, E.H. *What is History*
- Certeau, Michel de *The Writing of History*
- Chakrabarty, Dipesh *Provincializing Europe: Postcolonial Thought and Historical Difference*
- Collingwood, R. G. *The Idea of History*
- Doran, Robert ed. *Philosophy of History after Hayden White*
- Evans, Richard *In Defence of History*
- Fabian, Johannes *Time and the Other: How Anthropology Makes Its Object*
- Foot, Sarah, and Partner Nancy *The Sage Handbook of Historical Theory*
- Green, Anna, Troup, Kathleen *The Houses of History: A Critical Reader in Twentieth-Century History and Theory*
- Jenkins, Keith *Re-thinking History*
- Jenkins, Keith *The Postmodern History Reader*
- Koselleck, Reinhart *Futures Past: On the Semantics of Historical Time*
- Scott, Joan *Gender and the Politics of History*
- Smith, Bonnie *The Gender of History: Men, Women, and Historical Practice*
- Tucker, Aviezer *Our Knowledge of the West: A Philosophy of Historiography*
- Tucker, Aviezer *A Companion to the Philosophy of History and Historiography*
- White, Hayden *Metahistory: The Historical Imagination in Nineteenth-Century Europe*
- Wolf, Eric *Europe and the People Without History*

#### Preparation

1. The East Asia related chapters of the *Oxford History* are written by many of the key authors writing on historiography for the region in the English language. We will meet many of these authors again in future weeks. If you read these chapters well, which almost all have great suggestions for further reading, and engage with a wide range of scholarship through the footnotes, they should provide you with a few early ideas for your long essay project. Please come to the seminar having reflected on this reading not only for understanding, but ask yourself what issues, time period, texts, or historians spark your interest for possible long essay directions. Make note of the some of the suggested readings from the chapters that most interest you.
2. Scan over the list of texts at the end of this handbook and make a list of books that are in your topics of interest. Check on their online availability through the university library, or if necessary, their availability for purchase if you think they will be of central importance to your project.

## Week 2 - The Spring and Autumn Annals and its Commentaries

### Required Reading

Primary Sources:

Mair, Victor H. et al. *Hawaii Reader in Traditional Chinese Culture* (2005) - Ch 11 The World of the Zuozhuan

Choose and read one of the following of the sections of the *Zuozhuan*:

- Lord Zhuang (693-662 BCE)
- Lord Xi (659-627 BCE)
- Lord Wen (626-609 BCE)
- Lord Xuan (608-591 BCE)
- Lord Cheng (590-573 BCE)

Secondary Sources:

Nylan, Michael *The Five "Confucian" Classics* (2001) - Ch 6: The Spring and Autumn Annals (~50)

Lewis, Mark Edward *Writing and Authority in Early China* (1999) - Ch 3: Writing the Past (~45)

Review your notes from *Oxford History*:

Vol 1: Ch 16 Chinese History and Philosophy, Ch 17 Pre-Qin Annals

Reference: for an overview of the history of this period:

*The Cambridge History of Ancient China* Ch 8: The Spring and Autumn Period

### Elective Reading

1. Schaberg, David *A Patterned Past: Form and Thought in Early Chinese Historiography* (2001) - Ch 1 The Rhetoric of Good Order
2. Schaberg, David *A Patterned Past: Form and Thought in Early Chinese Historiography* (2001) - Ch 5 The Anecdotal History
3. Schaberg, David *A Patterned Past: Form and Thought in Early Chinese Historiography* (2001) - Ch 8 Writing and the Ends of History
4. Nylan, Michael *The Five "Confucian" Classics* (2001) - Ch 3 The Documents
5. Nylan, Michael *The Five "Confucian" Classics* (2001) - Ch 2 The Odes
6. Els, Paul van and Sarah A. Queen *Between History and Philosophy: Anecdotes in Early China* Introduction: Anecdotes in Early China p1-40
7. Els, Paul van and Sarah A. Queen *Between History and Philosophy: Anecdotes in Early China* Ch 7 The Limits of Praise and Blame
8. Denecke, Wiebke et al *The Oxford Handbook of Classical Chinese Literature* Ch 8 Text and Commentary: The Early Tradition + Ch 3 Histories (shi 史)

### Further Reading

*The Cambridge History of Ancient China* Ch 14: The Heritage Left to the Empires

Mair, Victor H. et al. *Hawaii Reader in Traditional Chinese Culture* (2005) - Ch 22 Anecdotes from the Warring States

Crump, James Irving. *Legends of the Warring States: Persuasions, Romances, and Stories from Chan-Kuo T's'.* Center for Chinese Studies, The University of Michigan, 1998.

Durrant, Stephen, Wai-ye Li, and David Schaberg, trans. *Zuo Tradition / Zuozhuan: Commentary on the 'Spring and Autumn Annals'*. Slp Blg edition. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2016.

Lewis, Mark Edward *Writing and Authority in Early China* (1999) (P)

Li, Wai-ye. *The Readability of the Past in Early Chinese Historiography*. Cambridge, Mass: Harvard University Asia Center, 2008. (P)

Miller, H. *The Gongyang Commentary on The Spring and Autumn Annals: A Full Translation*. 1st ed. 2015 edition. Palgrave Macmillan, 2015.

Ng, On Cho, and Q. Edward Wang. *Mirroring the Past: The Writing and Use of History in Imperial China*. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 2005.

Nylan, Michael *The Five "Confucian" Classics* (2001) (P)

Pines, Yuri. 'Intellectual Change in the Chunqiu Period: The Reliability of the Speeches in the "Zuo Zhuan" as Sources of Chunqiu Intellectual History'. *Early China* 22 (1997): 77–132.

Schaberg, David *A Patterned Past: Form and Thought in Early Chinese Historiography* (2001) (P)

Tashima, Pauli. 'The Adaptive Commentary of Du Yu (222-284): Schematizing the Presence and Absence of "Norms" (Li 例) in the Tri-Partite Annals through the Zuo Tradition'. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 139, no. 2 (2019): 455–77.

Van Auken, Newell Ann. 'Could "Subtle Words" Have Conveyed "Praise and Blame"? The Implications of Formal Regularity and Variation in "Spring and Autumn (Chūn Qiū)" Records'. *Early China* 31 (2007): 47–111.

*The Most Venerable Book (Shang Shu)*. Penguin UK, 2014. (P)

## **Preparation**

Continue to reserve some time to think about your long essay for the semester. Look ahead to readings in future weeks and try to read at least an article or chapter related to a potential essay topic.

## **Long Essay Ideas**

There are no shortage of ways to engage with the Spring and Autumn annals and its Zuozhuan or Gongyang commentaries. However, there are other texts from this or before this time we didn't focus on that are deeply interesting to explore: the Book of History, or the Book of Documents as it is sometimes called; The Odes (used as history or in history); and the Legends of the Warring States.

## Week 3 - The *Shiji* and Emerging Structures of Historical Writing

### Required Reading

Primary Sources:

Watson, Burton trans. *Records of the Grand Historian of China*, Qin Dynasty.

Shi Ji 6: The Basic Annals of the First Emperor of the Qin (~30) Shi Ji 15: Reflections on the Rise of the Qin (~3)

Shi ji 86 Biographies of the Assassin-retainers (~10)

Watson, Burton trans. *Records of the Grand Historian of China*, Qin Dynasty. Han Dynasty II [ACLS ebook](#) Shi ji 29

The Treatise on the Yellow River and Canals (just skim)

Shi ji 125 Biographies of the Emperors' Male Favorites (~5)

Secondary Sources:

Hardy, Grant. *Worlds of Bronze and Bamboo: Sima Qian's Conquest of History* (1999) Ch 2 Representing the World (~35)

Watson, Burton *Ssu Ma Chien: Grand Historian of China* Ch 5 The Thought of Ssu-ma Ch'ien [on Archive.org](#) (~40)

Lewis, Mark Edward *Writing and Authority in Early China* (1999) - Ch 7: The Encyclopedic Epoch section 'Sima Qian and Universal History' pp308-317

Review your notes from the *Oxford History*:

Vol 1: Ch 19 Sima Qian and the Shiji

### Elective Reading

1. Nylan, Michael. 'Sima Qian: A True Historian?' *Early China* 23/24 (1998): 203–46.
2. Shankman, Steven, and Stephen W Durrant. *The Siren and the Sage: Knowledge and Wisdom in Ancient Greece and China* (2003) Part II:1-4 Before and After Philosophy: Thucydides and Sima Qian p79-145
3. Stuurman, Siep. 'Herodotus and Sima Qian: History and the Anthropological Turn in Ancient Greece and Han China'. *Journal of World History* 19, no. 1 (2008): 1–40.
4. Ng, On Cho, and Q. Edward Wang. *Mirroring the Past: The Writing and Use of History in Imperial China* Ch 2 From the Warring States Period to the Han
5. Hardy, Grant. *Worlds of Bronze and Bamboo: Sima Qian's Conquest of History* (1999) Ch 3-4 Microcosmic Reading I, II
6. Hardy, Grant. *Worlds of Bronze and Bamboo: Sima Qian's Conquest of History* (1999) Ch 5 Shaping the World + Ch 8 Understanding the World
7. Durrant, Stephen W. *The Cloudy Mirror: Tension and Conflict in the Writings of Sima Qian* Ch 1 The Frustration of the Second Confucius, Ch 3 Sima Qian, the Six Arts, and the Spring and Autumn Annals 8.Durrant, Stephen W. *The Cloudy Mirror: Tension and Conflict in the Writings of Sima Qian* Ch 4 Dying Fathers 9.Durrant, Stephen W. *The Cloudy Mirror: Tension and Conflict in the Writings of Sima Qian* Ch 6 Ideologue Versus Narrator

### Further Reading

Consider continuing to read the books we have been reading above.

Burton Watson. *Ssu Ma Chien Grand Historian Of China*. Columbia University Press, 1958. <http://archive.org/details/ssumachiengrand> (P)

Durrant, Stephen W. *The Cloudy Mirror: Tension and Conflict in the Writings of Sima Qian* (P)

Durrant, Stephen W, Wai-ye Li, Michael Nylan, and Hans van Ess. *The Letter to Ren an and Sima Qian's Legacy*, 2016.

Ess, Hans van. 'Recent Studies on Sima Qian'. Edited by Stephen W. Durrant. *Monumenta Serica* 49 (2001): 517–28.

Hardy, Grant. *Worlds of Bronze and Bamboo: Sima Qian's Conquest of History* (1999) (P)

Hardy, Grant. 'Can an Ancient Chinese Historian Contribute to Modern Western Theory? The Multiple Narratives of Ssu-Ma Ch'ien'. *History and Theory* 33, no. 1 (1994): 20–38. <https://doi.org/10.2307/2505650>.

Li, Wai-Yee. 'The Idea of Authority in the Shih Chi (Records of the Historian)'. *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies* 54, no. 2 (1994): 345–405. <https://doi.org/10.2307/2719434>.



Mutschler, F. H. 'Sima Qian and His Western Colleagues: On Possible Categories of Description'. *History and Theory* 46, no. 2 (2007): 194–200.

Nienhauser, William H. 'A Note on a Textual Problem in the "Shih Chi" and Some Speculations Concerning the Compilation of the Hereditary Houses'. *T'oung Pao* 89, no. 1/3 (2003): 39–58.

———. 'For Want of a Hand: A Note on the "Hereditary House of Jin" and Sima Qian's "Chunqiu"'. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 127, no. 3 (2007): 229–47.

Nylan, Michael, and 戴梅可. 'Mapping Time in the Shiji and Hanshu Tables 表'. *East Asian Science, Technology, and Medicine*, no. 43 (2016): 61–122. Schaab-Hanke, Dorothee. '“Waiting for the Sages of Later Generations”: Is There a Rhetoric of Treason in the Shiji?' *Extrême-Orient Extrême-Occident*, no. 34 (2012): 111–40.

Shankman, Steven, and Stephen W Durrant. *The Siren and the Sage: Knowledge and Wisdom in Ancient Greece and China*. Eugene, Or.: Wipf and Stock Pub., 2003. (P)

Yang, Lei. 'Building Blocks of Chinese Historiography: A Narratological Analysis of Shi Ji'

### **Preparation**

Please continue to work on your long essay ideas. Your essay prospectus will be due soon.

## Week 4 - Depictions of Women in Chinese Historiography

### Required Reading

Primary Sources:

Wang, Robin R. *Images of Women in Chinese Thought and Culture* (2003)

Ch 8 The Zuo Commentary pp73-82

Ch 21 Strategems of the Warring States pp139-149

Ch 22 Biographies of Women pp149-162

Watson, Burton trans. *Records of the Grand Historian of China*, Qin Dynasty. Han Dynasty I [ACLS ebook](#)

[Shi Ji 9](#) The Basic Annals of Empress Lü (~15)

[Shi Ji 49](#) The Empresses: The Hereditary Houses: The Families Related to The Emperors by Marriage (~15)

Secondary Sources:

Raphals, Lisa *Sharing the Light: Representations of Women and Virtue in Early China* (1998) (P) (~70)

Ch 1 Women as Agents of Virtue and Destruction

Ch 2 Women as Prescient Counselors

Ch 3 Demonic Beauties and Usurpatious Regents

Ess, Hans van. 'Praise and Slander: The Evocation of Empress Lü in the Shiji and the Hanshu'. *NAN NÜ* 8, no. 2 (1 January 2006): 221–54.

### Elective Reading

1. Wang, Robin R. *Images of Women in Chinese Thought and Culture* (2003) Ch 32 The Ballad of Mulan + Don, Lan *Mulan's Legend and Legacy in China and the United States* Ch 2 Heroic Lineage: Military Women and Lady Knights-Errant in Premodern China
2. Hinsch, Bret. 'The Criticism of Powerful Women by Western Han Dynasty Portent Experts'. *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 49, no. 1 (2006): 96–121.
3. Wang, Robin R. *Images of Women in Chinese Thought and Culture* (2003) Ch 33 Women in the Standard Histories
4. Zheng, Xiucui. 'From "Zuozhuan to Shiji": Changes in Gender Representation in Sima Qian's Rewriting of Stories'. *Chinese Literature: Essays, Articles, Reviews* (CLEAR) 36 (2014): 149–74.
5. Kim, Youngmin, and Michael J. Pettid. 'Representation of Females in Twelfth-Century Korean Historiography'. In *Women and Confucianism in Choson Korea: New Perspectives*
6. Durrant, Stephen W. *The Cloudy Mirror: Tension and Conflict in the Writings of Sima Qian* (P) Ch 5 (Wo)men with(out) Names
7. Kim, Youngmin, and Michael J. Pettid. 'Versions and Subversions: Patriarchy and Polygamy in Korean Narratives'. In *Women and Confucianism in Choson Korea: New Perspectives*. SUNY Press, 2011.
8. Chaffee, John. 'The Rise and Regency of Empress Liu (969—1033)'. *Journal of Song-Yuan Studies*, no. 31 (2001): 1–25.
9. McMahon, Keith. 'Women Rulers in Imperial China'. *NAN NÜ* 15, no. 2 (1 January 2013): 179–218.
10. Li, Wai-ye. *The Readability of the Past in Early Chinese Historiography* (P). Ch 2 Signs and Causality section 'Women' pp147-160

### Further Reading

Haboush, JaHyun Kim. *The Memoirs of Lady Hyegyong: The Autobiographical Writings of a Crown Princess of Eighteenth-Century Korea*. Univ of California Press, 2013. (P)

*A Companion to Global Queenship*. Arc Humanities Press, 2018.

Davis, Richard L. 'Chaste and Filial Women in Chinese Historical Writings of the Eleventh Century'. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 121, no. 2 (2001): 204–18. <https://doi.org/10.2307/606561>.

Edwards, Louise. 'Women Warriors and Amazons of the Mid Qing Texts Jinghua Yuan and Honglou Meng'. *Modern Asian Studies* 29, no. 2 (1995): 225–55.

Ess, Hans van. 'Praise and Slander: The Evocation of Empress Lü in the Shiji and the Hanshu'. *NAN NÜ* 8, no. 2 (1 January 2006): 221–54.

- Goldin, Paul R. 'Ban Zhao in Her Time and in Ours'. In *After Confucius*, 112–18. Studies in Early Chinese Philosophy. University of Hawai'i Press, 2005.
- Hinsch, Bret. 'Reading Lienüzhuan (Biographies of Women) Through the Life of Liu Xiang'. *Journal of Asian History* 39, no. 2 (2005): 129–57.
- . 'The Criticism of Powerful Women by Western Han Dynasty Portent Experts'. *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 49, no. 1 (2006): 96–121.
- . *Women in Early Medieval China*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2018.
- . *Women in Imperial China*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2016.
- Idema, Wilt L., and Beata Grant. *The Red Brush: Writing Women of Imperial China*. Harvard University Asia Center, 2004.
- Judge, Joan, and Ying Hu. *Beyond Exemplar Tales*. Univ of California Press, 2011.
- Judge, Joan. *The Precious Raft of History: The Past, the West, and the Woman Question in China*. Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 2008. (P)
- Kinney, Anne Behnke, trans. *Exemplary Women of Early China: The Lienü Zhuan of Liu Xiang*. Columbia University Press, 2014. (P)
- Lan, Feng. 'The Female Individual and the Empire: A Historicist Approach to Mulan and Kingston's Woman Warrior'. *Comparative Literature* 55, no. 3 (2003): 229–45. <https://doi.org/10.2307/4125407>.
- Luo, Manling. 'Gender, Genre, and Discourse: The Woman Avenger in Medieval Chinese Texts'. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 134, no. 4 (2014): 579–99. <https://doi.org/10.7817/jameroriesoci.134.4.579>.
- Mann, Susan, and Yu-Yin Cheng, eds. 'The Book of Filial Piety for Women Attributed to a Woman Née Zheng (ca. 730)'. In *Under Confucian Eyes: Writings on Gender in Chinese History*. University of California Press, 2001.
- McMahon, Keith. *Women Shall Not Rule: Imperial Wives and Concubines in China from Han to Liao*. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2013. (P)
- Queen, Sarah. 'Beyond Liu Xiang's Gaze: Debating Womanly Virtue in Ancient China'. *Asia Major* 29, no. 2 (2016): 7–46.
- Raphals, Lisa *Sharing the Light: Representations of Women and Virtue in Early China* (1998) (P)
- Rothschild, N. Harry. *Emperor Wu Zhao and Her Pantheon of Devis, Divinities, and Dynastic Mothers*. Columbia University Press, 2015. (P)
- Shou, Chen. *Empresses and Consorts: Selections from Chen Shou's Records of the Three States*. Edited by Robert Joe Cutter and William Gordon Crowell. Annotated edition edition. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 1999. (P)
- Song, Xianlin. 'Re-Gendering Chinese History: Zhao Mei's Emperor Wu Zetian'. *East Asia* 27, no. 4 (1 December 2010): 361–79. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12140-010-9122-z>.
- Wu, Qingyun. *Female Rule in Chinese and English Literary Utopias*. Syracuse University Press, 1995. (P)
- Zurndorfer, Harriet Thelma. *Chinese Women in the Imperial Past: New Perspectives*. BRILL, 1998.

## Preparation

Now that your prospectus for your long essay has been submitted, deepen your reading around your essay. Consider having done one or two of your blog entries by this week. It makes sense to get them out of the way earlier in the semester so you don't become overwhelmed as the long essay deadline approaches.

## Week 5 - The Self and Other in Official Histories

### Required Reading

Primary Sources:

Watson, Burton trans. *Records of the Grand Historian of China*, Qin Dynasty. Han Dynasty Vol 2 [ACLS ebook](#)  
[Shi Ji 110](#) The Account of the Xiongnu (~35)

Read one of the following:

[Shi Ji 114](#) The Account of Eastern Yue

[Shi Ji 123](#) The Account of Dayuan

[Shi Ji 116](#) The Account of the Southwestern Barbarians

[Japan in the Chinese Dynastic Histories](#) in *Sources of Japanese Tradition* Vol 1, pp3-13

Secondary Sources:

Schaberg, David *A Patterned Past: Form and Thought in Early Chinese Historiography* (2001) - Ch 4 Order in the Human World section 'Cultural Others' pp130-135

Di Cosmo, Nicola. *Ancient China and Its Enemies: The Rise of Nomadic Power in East Asian History*. Ch 3 Beasts and Birds: The Historical Context of Early Chinese Perceptions of the Northern Peoples ([ACLS Ebook](#))

Yuri Pines, "Beasts or Humans: Pre-Imperial Origins of the "Sino-Barbarian" Dichotomy," in *Mongols, Turks, and Others: Eurasian Nomads and the Sedentary World*, ed. Reuven Amitai and Michal Biran (Leiden: Brill, 2005),

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Wang, Edward Q., "History, Space, and Ethnicity: The Chinese Worldview," *Journal of World History* 10, no. 2 (1999).

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6. Schaberg, David. "Travel, Geography, and the Imperial Imagination in Fifth-Century Athens and Han China". *Comparative Literature* 51, no. 2 (1999): 152-91.
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8. Ge, Zhaoguang. "The Evolution of a World Consciousness in Traditional Chinese Historiography". *Global Intellectual History* (16 March 2020): 1-19.

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Liu, Lydia *Clash of Empires: The Invention of China in Modern World Making* (P) Ch 2 The Birth of a Super-Sign

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## **Preparation**

You should be getting your prospectus feedback this week. Think ahead about how you will be using the independent learning week to make progress on the long essay. Are any inter-library loan books you need already requested?

## **Week 6 Independent Learning Week**

If you didn’t get a chance to read or take notes on the Oxford history before the semester began, consider catching up on those, especially the chapters from volume three onward.

This is the week when you should make the most progress on your research for your long essay. You have dedicated time this week, without the distraction of other reading assignments. After this week you should begin the process of writing the long essay.

## Week 7 - Martial Tales and History: The Romance of the Three Kingdoms and The Tale of the Heike

In most years students will have a collective choice on which of these two key texts to focus on for seminar discussion. Due to limits on library access, and the need to prepare online texts over the summer, Fall 2020 will focus on the historical novel attributed to Luo Guanzhong, *The Three Kingdoms*.

### Required Reading

#### Primary Sources:

Roberts, Moss *Three Kingdoms: A Historical Novel Complete and Unabridged* University of California Press, 2004 (Two volume version).

Ch 1 Three Bold Spirits Plight Mutual Faith in the Peach Garden; Heroes and Champions Win First Honors Fighting the Yellow Scarves

Ch 27 The Man of the Magnificent Beard Rides Alone a Thousand Li; The Lord of Hanshou Slays Six Generals and Breaches Five Passes

Ch 38 Still Water Recommends Another Noted Scholar; Liu Xuande Pays Three Visits to Zhuge Liang

Ch 39 Kongming Determines the Realm's Division and Charts a Course; Sun Quan Leads a Naval Attack and Exacts Revenge

Ch 46 Kongming Borrows Cao Cao's Arrows Through a Ruse; Huang Gai Is Flogged Following a Secret Plan

Ch 90 Giant Beasts are Deployed in Kongming's Sixth Victory; Rattan Shields are Burned in Meng Huo's Seventh Capture.

#### Secondary Sources:

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Wang, Q. Edward, et al *The Many Faces of Clio: Cross-Cultural Approaches to Historiography, Essays in Honor of Georg G. Iggers* Ch 12 Time and Space in Chinese Historiography: Concepts of Centrality in the History and Literature of the Three Kingdoms

Besio, Kimberly Ann, and Constantine Tung, eds. *Three Kingdoms and Chinese Culture*. Introduction

### Elective Reading

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2. Idema, Wilt L. and Stephen H. West trans. *Records of the Three Kingdoms in Plain Language* Introduction
3. Besio, Kimberly Ann, and Constantine Tung, eds. *Three Kingdoms and Chinese Culture*. Ch 1 Cosmic Foreordination + Ch 2 Essential Regrets: The Structure of Tragic Consciousness in Three Kingdoms
4. Besio, Kimberly Ann, and Constantine Tung, eds. *Three Kingdoms and Chinese Culture* Ch 3 Notion of Appropriateness + Ch 6 Zhuge Liang and Zhang Fei Bowang shao tun and Competing Masculine Ideals within the Development of the Three Kingdoms Story Cycle
5. Besio, Kimberly Ann, and Constantine Tung, eds. *Three Kingdoms and Chinese Culture*. Ch 4 The Beginning of the End The Fall of the Han and the Opening of Three Kingdoms
6. Besio, Kimberly Ann, and Constantine Tung, eds. *Three Kingdoms and Chinese Culture*. Ch 9 From Three Kingdoms the Novel to Three Kingdoms the Television Series
7. Besio, Kimberly Ann, and Constantine Tung, eds. *Three Kingdoms and Chinese Culture*. Ch 10 The Reception and the Place of Three Kingdoms in South Korea
8. Denecke, Wiebke et al *The Oxford Handbook of Classical Chinese Literature* Ch 17 Elite versus Popular Literature + Ch 18 Narrative Genres
9. McLaren, Anne E. 'Challenging Official History in the Song and Yuan Dynasties: The Record of the Three Kingdoms'. In *Knowledge and Text Production in an Age of Print: China, 900-1400*, edited by Lucille Chia and Hilde de Weerdt. BRILL, 2011.

## Further Reading

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Besio, Kimberly Ann, and Constantine Tung, eds. *Three Kingdoms and Chinese Culture*. (P)

McLaren, Anne E. ‘Ming Audiences and Vernacular Hermeneutics: The Uses of “The Romance of the Three Kingdoms”’. *T'oung Pao* 81, no. 1/3 (1995): 51–80.

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Tian, Xiaofei. *The Halberd at Red Cliff: Jian'an and the Three Kingdoms*. Harvard University Asia Center, 2018. (P)

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Oyler, Elizabeth. *Swords, Oaths, And Prophetic Visions: Authoring Warrior Rule in Medieval Japan*. University of Hawaii Press, 2006. (P)

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Rimer, J. Thomas. *Modern Japanese Fiction and Its Traditions: An Introduction*. Princeton University Press, 2014. Ch 6 The Tale of the Heike and the nō Drama

Varley, H. Paul. *Warriors of Japan: As Portrayed in the War Tales*. University of Hawaii Press, 1994. (P)

Keene, Donald. *Seeds in the Heart: Japanese Literature from Earliest Times to the Late Sixteenth Century*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2000. Ch 16 Tales of Warfare.

## Preparation

As you prepare for class, think about the ways in which fictional or rather fictionalised works that recount the past play a disproportionately large importance in terms of how many think about what transpired historically.

Consider beginning the writing process for your long essay. Are there easy sections you already have the material ready for that you can get out of the way? Is the historiographical background something you can get started with?

## Week 8 - Modern Nationalist Narratives and Reconstructing the Past

### Required Reading

Primary Source:

*Sourcebook of Korean Civilization* Vol 2 Ch 34 Sin Ch'aeho: What is History? What shall we Study in Korean History? pp481-483

Secondary Sources:

Schmid, Andre *Korea Between Empires*  
Ch 2 Decentering the Middle Kingdom  
Ch 5 Narrating the Ethnic Nation

Pai, Hyung Il. *Constructing 'Korean' Origins: A Critical Review of Archaeology, Historiography, and Racial Myth in Korean State-Formation Theories* pp1-12 Nationalist Historiography section in Ch 1 The Formation of Korean Identity

Em, Henry. *The Great Enterprise: Sovereignty and Historiography in Modern Korea* (P)  
Ch 3 Nationalizing Korea's Past

Tikhonov, V. M. *Social Darwinism and Nationalism in Korea - The Beginnings, 1883-1910: Survival as an Ideology of Korean Modernity* (P) pp147-162 starting from National Spirit, National History, National Survival in Ch 6 Knowledge is Strength

Review your notes from *Oxford History*:

Vol 3: Ch 4 A Social History of Japanese Historical Writing; Ch 5 Writing History in Pre-Modern Korea

Vol 4: Ch 24 The Transformation of History in China and Japan

Vol 5: Ch 32 Historians and Historical Writing in Modern Korea

### Elective Reading

This week, as a class, all elective readings should come from either the China or Japan focus selection. We'll decide this together according to your preferences.

*China Focus:*

If China is chosen by the class, everyone should read: Wang, Q. Edward. *Inventing China through History: The May Fourth Approach to Historiography*. (P) Introduction

1. Wang, Q. Edward. *Inventing China through History: The May Fourth Approach to Historiography* Ch 2 New Horizon, New Attitude
2. Wang, Q. Edward. *Inventing China through History* Ch 3 Scientific Inquiry
3. Wang, Q. Edward. *Inventing China through History* Ch 4 Equivalences and Differences
4. Wang, Q. Edward. *Inventing China through History* Ch 5 Seeking China's National Identity
5. Li, Huaiyin. *Reinventing Modern China: Imagination and Authenticity in Chinese Historical Writing* Ch 1 Introduction, Ch 2 Origins of the Modernization Narrative\*
6. Tang, Xiaobing. *Global Space and the Nationalist Discourse of Modernity: The Historical Thinking of Liang Qichao* (P) Introduction + Ch 1 History Imagined Anew
7. Tang, Xiaobing. *Global Space and the Nationalist Discourse of Modernity* Introduction + Ch 2 Nationalist Historian
8. Tang, Xiaobing. *Global Space and the Nationalist Discourse of Modernity* Introduction + Ch 3 Nation and Revolution
9. Tang, Xiaobing. *Global Space and the Nationalist Discourse of Modernity* Introduction + Ch 4 Modernity as Political Discourse

*Japan Focus:*

If Japan is chosen by the class, everyone should read: Brownlee, John S. *Japanese Historians and the National Myths* (P) Introduction

1. *Cambridge History of Japan* Ch 12 History and Nature in Eighteenth-Century Tokugawa Thought pp596-621



2. Brownlee, John S. *Japanese Historians and the National Myths, 1600-1945: The Age of the Gods and Emperor Jinmu* Ch 1 Hayashi Razan + Ch 2 Dai Nihon Shi + Ch 3 Arai Hakuseki
3. Brownlee, John S. *Japanese Historians and the National Myths, 1600-1945* Ch 5 The Resistance of the National Scholars
4. Brownlee, John S. *Japanese Historians and the National Myths, 1600-1945* Ch 6 European Influences
5. Brownlee, John S. *Japanese Historians and the National Myths, 1600-1945* Ch 7 Beginning of Academic History
6. Brownlee, John S. *Japanese Historians and the National Myths, 1600-1945* Ch 8 Kume Kunitake Incident
7. *Sources of Japanese Tradition* Vol. 2, Ch 51 Thinking with the Past: History Writing in Modern Japan - New Histories in Meiji Japan pp1225-1240
8. *Sources of Japanese Tradition* Vol. 2, Ch 51 Thinking with the Past: History Writing in Modern Japan - Writing about the Meiji Restoration pp1240-1256
9. *Sources of Japanese Tradition* Vol. 2, Ch 51 Thinking with the Past: History Writing in Modern Japan - Alternative Histories pp1256-1267

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- Allen, Chizuko T. 'Ch'oe Namsŏn at the Height of Japanese Imperialism'. *Sunkyun Journal of East Asian Studies* 5, no. 1 (2005).
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- . 'Northeast Asia Centered Around Korea: Ch'oe Namsŏn's View of History'. *The Journal of Asian Studies* 49, no. 4 (1990): 787–806. <https://doi.org/10.2307/2058236>.
- Baxter, James C., and Joshua A. Fogel. *Writing Histories in Japan: Texts and Their Transformations from Ancient Times Through the Meiji Era*. International Research Center for Japanese Studies, 2007. (P)
- Benesch, Oleg. *Inventing the Way of the Samurai: Nationalism, Internationalism, and Bushidō in Modern Japan*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014. (P)
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- . *Japanese Historians and the National Myths, 1600-1945: The Age of the Gods and Emperor Jinmu*. UBC Press, 2011. (P)
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- . 'The Historiography of Colonial Modernity: Chinese History Between Eurocentric Hegemony and Nationalism'. *Journal of Modern Chinese History* 1, no. 1 (1 August 2007): 97–115. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17535650701521171>.
- Em, Henry. *The Great Enterprise: Sovereignty and Historiography in Modern Korea*. Duke University Press, 2013. (P)
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- Keirstead, Thomas. 'Inventing Medieval Japan: The History and Politics of National Identity': *The Medieval History Journal*, 11 August 2016.
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- Li, Huaiyin. *Reinventing Modern China: Imagination and Authenticity in Chinese Historical Writing*. University of Hawai'i Press, 2013. (P)
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- . 'Scholarship and Ideology in Conflict: The Kume Affair, 1892'. *Monumenta Nipponica* 48, no. 3 (1993): 337–57. <https://doi.org/10.2307/2385130>.
- . 'The Mid-Meiji "History Boom": Professionalization of Historical Scholarship and Growing Pains of an Emerging Academic Discipline'. *Japan Forum* 10, no. 1 (1 January 1998): 67–83.
- Morier-Genoud, Damien. 'Taiwanese Historiography. Towards a "Scholarly Native History"'. *China Perspectives* 2010, no. 2010/3 (15 September 2010). <https://doi.org/10.4000/chin perspectives.5306>.
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- Robinson, Michael. 'National Identity and the Thought of Sin Ch'aeho: Sadaejūi and Chuch'e in History and Politics'. *The Journal of Korean Studies* 5 (1984): 121–42.
- Schmid, Andre. *Korea Between Empires*. Columbia University Press, 2002. (P)
- . 'Rediscovering Manchuria: Sin Ch'aeho and the Politics of Territorial History in Korea'. *The Journal of Asian Studies* 56, no. 1 (1997): 26–46. <https://doi.org/10.2307/2646342>.
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- Wong, Young-tsu. *Search for Modern Nationalism: Zhang Binglin and Revolutionary China, 1869-1936*. Oxford University Press, 1989. (P)
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## Preparation

I would suggest that you finish up your blog entries early so you can dedicate your time to tutorial preparation and the long essay at this point without distraction.

As you read for this week, ask yourself how some of the processes discussed in these readings are distinctive or share features with other transitions in historical writing during the emergence of modern states.

## Week 9 - Marxist History in East Asia

### Required Reading

Li, Huaiyin. *Reinventing Modern China: Imagination and Authenticity in Chinese Historical Writing* (P) Ch 3 Origins of the Revolutionary Narrative + Ch 4 The Making of a New Orthodoxy

Barshay, Andrew E. *The Social Sciences in Modern Japan: The Marxian and Modernist Traditions* (P) Ch 3 Doubly Cruel: Marxism and the Presence of the Past in Japanese Capitalism

Gayle, Curtis Anderson. *Marxist History and Postwar Japanese Nationalism* (P) Ch 2 Marxist History and the Ethnic Nation during the 1930s

Em, Henry. *The Great Enterprise: Sovereignty and Historiography in Modern Korea* Ch 4 Universalizing Korea's Past

Tikhonov, Vladimir. 'Demystifying the Nation: The Communist Concept of Ethno-Nation in 1920s–1930s Korea'. *Cross-Currents: East Asian History and Culture Review* 7, no. 2 (2018): 474–503

Review your notes from *Oxford History*:

Vol 5: Ch 30 Chinese Historical Writing since 1949

### Elective Reading

1. Li, Huaiyin. *Reinventing Modern China: Imagination and Authenticity in Chinese Historical Writing* Ch 5 Between Past and the Present
2. Li, Huaiyin. *Reinventing Modern China* Ch 6 Challenging the Revolutionary Orthodoxy
3. Li, Huaiyin. *Reinventing Modern China* Ch 7 From Revolution to Modernization
4. Li, Huaiyin. *Reinventing Modern China* Ch 8 Master Narratives in Crisis + Conclusion
5. Wang, Q Edward. 'Between Marxism and Nationalism: Chinese Historiography and the Soviet Influence, 1949-1963'. *Journal of Contemporary China* 9, no. 23 (1 March 2000): 95–111.
6. Gayle, Curtis Anderson. *Marxist History and Postwar Japanese Nationalism* Ch 1 National Imagery and International Marxism
7. Gayle, Curtis Anderson. *Marxist History and Postwar Japanese Nationalism* Ch 3 Rebuilding Marxist History
8. Gayle, Curtis Anderson. *Marxist History and Postwar Japanese Nationalism* Ch 4 Marxist history's search
9. Gayle, Curtis Anderson. *Marxist History and Postwar Japanese Nationalism* Ch 5 Marxist history and the "min-zoku faction"
10. Weigelin-Schwiedrzik, Susanne. 'History and Truth in Chinese Marxist Historiography' in *Historical Truth, Historical Criticism, and Ideology*

### Further Reading

Wang, Q Edward, and Georg G. Iggers. *Marxist Historiographies: A Global Perspective* Ch 9 The importance and legacy of Marxist history in Japan

Barshay, Andrew E. *The Social Sciences in Modern Japan: The Marxian and Modernist Traditions*. University of California Press, 2004. (P)

Bernstein, Gail Lee. *Japanese Marxist: A Portrait of Kawakami Hajime, 1879-1946*. Harvard Univ Asia Center, 1990. (P)

Cohen, Paul A. *History in Three Keys: The Boxers as Event, Experience, and Myth*. Columbia University Press, 1998. (P)

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- Wang, Q. Edward, and Georg G. Iggers. *Marxist Historiographies: A Global Perspective*. Routledge, 2015.

## Preparation

As you read for this week, think about the ways in which Marxist approaches to history navigate the challenges of the universal and the particular in terms of the national experience of transformation over time.

If you have a portion of your long essay written, consider visiting office hours and sharing a few paragraphs with me for comment during our discussion. Or else bring an outline to share.

## Week 10 - History in the Japanese Empire

### Required Reading

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Tanaka, Stefan. *Japan's Orient: Rendering Pasts into History*. (P) New Ed edition. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1995.

Introduction Ch 1 From Kangaku to Tōyōshi Ch 2 Tōyōshi: The Convergence of East and West

Yoshikawa, Lisa. *Making History Matter: Kuroita Katsumi and the Construction of Imperial Japan*. (P) Ch 5 Historians' Manifest Destiny, 1927-36

Miller, Owen. 'The Idea of Stagnation in Korean Historiography from Fukuda Tokuzō to the New Right'. *Korean Histories* 2, no. 1 (2010): 3-12.

### Elective Reading

1. Brownlee, John S. *Japanese Historians and the National Myths, 1600-1945* Ch 11 Eminent Historians in the 1930s + Ch 12 Commission of Inquiry + Ch 13 Tsuda Sōkichi
2. Allen, Chizuko T. 'Ch'oe Namsŏn at the Height of Japanese Imperialism'. *Sunkyun Journal of East Asian Studies* 5, no. 1 (2005).
3. Allen, Chizuko T. 'Early Migrations, Conquests, and Common Ancestry: Theorizing Japanese Origins in Relation with Korea'. *Sunkyun Journal of East Asian Studies* 8, no. 1 (2008).
4. Yoshikawa, Lisa. *Making History Matter* Ch 2 Resuscitating the Historical Field
5. Yoshikawa, Lisa. *Making History Matter* Ch 3 Entrenching the Historical Field
6. Yoshikawa, Lisa. *Making History Matter* Ch 4 History in Action
7. Tanaka, Stefan. *Japan's Orient* Ch 3 Shina: Separation
8. Tanaka, Stefan. *Japan's Orient* Ch 4 Shina: Narration
9. Tanaka, Stefan. *Japan's Orient* Ch 5: Shina: Authorization
10. Tanaka, Stefan. *Japan's Orient* Ch 6: Archeology

### Further Reading

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### Preparation

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## Week 11 - Contested Histories in Postwar East Asia

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## Preparation

Many of the elective readings for this week are related to textbooks. What are some of the distinctive features of history textbooks, if any?

## Starting Points for Long Essay Research

The Oxford history readings, our semester readings, and the further reading sections from each week should offer you lots of idea. A much longer list, including a list of key translations of East Asian accounts of the past is maintained here:

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