**Week 1 Recitation – Aspects of Modern Chinese History**

**A. The Chinese World Order**

* John K. Fairbank, “A Preliminary Framework,” in Fairbank, ed., *The Chinese World Order* (1968), 1-14.
* Vogel (2011), *Deng Xiao ping and the transformation of China*, 1-14.
* "China's Burglars at the bottom of the garden," ST (20 Apr 2018)
* "The myths of a China-led global Order," ST (1 Mar 2017)

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| Qn: What constitutes the ancient Chinese World Order? What were its downsides? How does Deng see modern china’s role in it? |

**B. Origins of Chinese Diplomacy**

* Kang (2010), *East Asia before West*, Chp 4.
* "China's initiative promises new route to open trade" ST (16 May 2017)
* "China's plan wins praise, but some concerns remain" ST (16 May 2017)

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| Qn: What are the weakness & strength of Chinese diplomacy? Should neighboring countries in the 21st century be concerned? |

**C. Tributary System and its discontents**

* Takeshi (1997). *The Intra-regional System in East Asia in Modern Times*.
* Yew Lun Tian, "Understanding the basis for China's S. China Sea claims," ST (May 18, 2016).
* Min Ding & Jie Xu (2015), *The Chinese Way*, chp 25

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| Qn: Compare Takeshi’s insights with Yew Lun Tian’s summary. In what ways are historical rationalizations moot? What is problematic with the cultural view (essentializing) that prescribes to an immutable entity which seemingly governs present actions? (e.g. all Chinese are stingy) |