

HI 285: Art and History in Modern China

Week 1: Introduction; Late Imperial China

Warring States Period (476–221 BC)

First Emperor of Qin (259–210 BC)

Qin Dynasty, 221–206 BC

Han Dynasty, 206 BC–221 CE

Mandate of Heaven

Sacred mountains (Mount Tai = Taishan 泰山)

Ancestor worship

Mandarin Chinese = Putonghua 普通話 = “standard language”

Hanzi 漢字 (traditional), 汉字 (simplified) = “Chinese characters”

Pinyin romanization (initials and finals) (four tones)

Loess (“loose soil”) = huangtu 黃土 “yellow earth” *[Spence, pp. 13-14]

Yellow River = Huanghe 黃河

Huai River = Huaihe 淮河

Long River = Changjiang 長江 = Yangzi [Yangtze] River

Pearl River = Yuejiang 粵江 “Yue River”

CORE PROVINCES:

Shandong 山東 = “East of the Mountains” (Taihang Mountains)

Shanxi 山西 = “West of the Mountains” (Taihang Mountains)

Shaanxi 陝西 = “West of the Pass”

Hebei 河北 = “North of the (Yellow) River”

Henan 河南 = “South of the (Yellow) River”

Hubei 湖北 = “North of the Lake” (Lake Dongting)

Hunan 湖南 = “South of the Lake” (Lake Dongting)

Guangdong 廣東 = “Eastern Guang” (Pearl River Delta)

Guangxi 廣西 = “Western Guang” (Pearl River Delta)

Yunnan 雲南 = “South of the Clouds”

Sichuan 四川 = “Four Rivers”

Zhejiang 浙江 = “Zhe River” (Qiantang River)

Jiangxi 江西 = “West on the (Long) River”

Jiangsu 江蘇

Fujian 福建

Anhui 安徽

Gansu 甘肅

MAJOR CITIES:

Beijing [Peking] 北京 = “Northern Capital”

Nanjing 南京 = “Southern Capital”

Xi’an 西安 = Formerly Chang’an 長安 (eastern terminus of the Silk Road)

Shanghai 上海 = “[City] on the Sea”

Hangzhou 杭州 (on Qiantang River, southern terminus of the Grand Canal)

Suzhou 蘇州 (on Lake Tai = Taihu 太湖 “Great Lake”)

Wuhan 武漢

Guangzhou 廣州 = [Canton]

Confucius = Kong Qiu 孔丘 (551–479 BC)

Kong Fuzi 孔夫子 “Master Kong” = Confucius

Matteo Ricci (1552–1610) [Jesuit priest]

Confucianism

Neo-Confucianism

Imperial examination system

Buddhism

Daoism [Taoism]

Naitō Konan (1866–1934) [Historian]

Song Dynasty (960–1279)

Great Wall

Forbidden City

People’s Republic of China (1949–present) = PRC

Jonathan Spence (b. 1936) [Historian]

“Late Imperial China”

Ming Dynasty (1368–1644)

Hongwu emperor (r. 1368–1398)

Yongle emperor (r. 1402–1424)

Wu Sangui 吳三桂 (1612–1678)

Manchu (“Tartar”)

Manchuria: Liaoning 遼寧, Jilin 吉林, Heilongjiang 黑龍江 [Provinces]

Qing Dynasty (1644–1911)

Kangxi emperor (r. 1662–1723)

Yongzheng emperor (r. 1723–1735)

Qianlong emperor (r. 1735–1796)

Three Feudatories Rebellion (1673–1681)

Treaty of Nerchinsk 1689 (Mongolia)

Xinjiang 新疆 “New Territories” [Province]

Qinghai 青海 “Blue-Green Sea” (named for Lake Qinghai) [Province]

Kangxi zidian 康熙字典 (1716) [Dictionary]

Gujin tushu jicheng 古今圖書集成 (1725) [Encyclopedia]

Siku quanshu 四庫全書 (1782) “Four Treasuries Library”

Da Qing Lüli 大清律例 “Laws and precedents of the Great Qing”