HIEA 132  History of the People’s Republic of China
University of California, San Diego
History Department
Winter Quarter 2012
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Office Hours: Tues. and Thurs. 12-1 p.m. (Perks Coffee Shop, University Bookstore)
Classroom: HSS 1330, 9:30-10:50 a.m., Tues. and Thurs.

Readings (Required books are available at the University Bookstore and on reserve in the Geisel Library):

Li Zhisui, *The Private Life of Chairman Mao*.

Edward Friedman, Paul G. Pickowicz, and Mark Selden, *Chinese Village, Socialist State*.

Jeremy Brown and Paul G. Pickowicz, eds., *Dilemmas of Victory: The Early Years of the People’s Republic of China*.


Sang Ye, *China Candid*.

Mao Zedong (Four articles by Mao Zedong are on reserve in Geisel Library and available as on-line reserve items.)

Lecture and Reading Schedule:

Jan. 10   How Did the Chinese Communist Party Get into Power in 1949?
Reading:  *Chinese Village, Socialist State*, pp. 1-110.
          *Dilemmas of Victory*, Chap. 2.

Jan. 12   The Problem of Post-revolutionary Institutionalization
          *Dilemmas of Victory*, Chaps. 3-4.

Jan. 17   The Ideology of State Power: “People’s Democratic Dictatorship”
Reading:  *Chinese Village, Socialist State*, pp. 111-132.
          *Dilemmas of Victory*, Chaps. 5-8.

Jan. 19   Beyond Land Reform: The Early Coop Movement
          *Dilemmas of Victory*, Chaps. 9-12.
Jan. 24 The Transition to Socialism: Following the Soviet Model
   Reading:  *Private Life*, Chaps. 8-19.
   *Dilemmas of Victory*, Chaps. 13 and 15

Jan. 26 The Collectivization of Agriculture
   Reading:  Mao Zedong, "On the Question of Agricultural Cooperation."
   *Chinese Village, Socialist State*, pp. 185-213.
   *Dilemmas of Victory*, Chap 14.

Jan. 31 Contradictions among the People
   Reading:  Mao Zedong, "On the Correct Handling of Contradictions among the People"

Feb. 2 A Hundred Flowers and the Anti-Rightist Movement
   Reading:  *Private Life*, Chaps. 20-27.

Feb. 7 Film: “The Mao Years” Part 1

Feb. 9 Mid-term Examination

Feb. 14 High Maoism and the Great Leap Forward
   Reading:  *Chinese Village, Socialist State*, pp. 214-245.
   *Private Life*, Chaps. 28-37.

Feb. 16 The World’s Greatest Famine
   Reading:  Mao Zedong, “Speech at the Lushan Conference.”

Feb. 21 Challenges to Mao’s Theory of Permanent Revolution
   Reading:  Mao Zedong, “Speech at an Enlarged Central Work Conference.”
   *Private Life*, Chaps. 44-45.

Feb. 23 The Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution
   Reading:  *Private Life*, Chaps. 56-59.

Feb. 28 The Power of the Visual: Propaganda Posters and Their Meanings
   Reading:  *Private Life*, Chaps. 60-69.
   *Chinese Cultural Revolution*, Chaps. 4-5.

Mar. 1 Film: “The Mao Years” Part 2
   Reading:  *Private Life*, Chaps. 70-92.
   *Chinese Cultural Revolution*, Chaps. 6-7.
Mar. 6       The Unraveling of a Revolution

Mar. 8       The Reform Decade: Reinventing the Communist Party

Mar. 13      Film:    “Born under the Red Flag”
            Reading:       *China Candid*, Chaps. 10-18.

Mar. 15      Independent Filmmaking in Post-Tiananmen China

Grading Policy:

Pop Quiz 1   = 5 pts. (given first or last 10 minutes of class)
Mid-term     = 45 pts. (will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. and last for one hour)
Pop Quiz 2   = 5 pts. (given first or last 10 minutes of class)
Final        = 45 pts. (1 hour exam given the first hour of the 3 hour exam period: final
               exam is scheduled for Tues., March 20, 8-11 a.m.

100 pts.

* There will be a 5 point bonus question on the final exam.
* No make ups on quizzes and exams missed except for physician documented medical
  emergencies.
* Please don’t request to take the final exam at a time other than the one scheduled.
* No incompletes except for physician documented medical emergencies.
* Students who take the course on a pass/fail basis must accumulate 70 pints or more to
  pass.

Showing Respect:

* The instructor will show respect for all students and treat all students in a professional
  manner.

* Students are expected to show respect for the instructor in the following ways:
  - Please do not arrive late to class (better not to come at all).
  - Please do not leave class early (better not to come at all).
  - Please do not engage in private conversation or read in class.
  - Please do not go on line or text message during class. 10 points deducted from
    final grade for going on line or text messaging.
  - PLEASE MAKE SURE CELL PHONES DO NOT RING DURING CLASS (2
    point penalty for first offense, 5 point penalty for second offense, 15 point penalty
    for third offense).
  - Please do not take photographs or video record without the consent of the
    instructor.
Final Exam Bonus Question (5 points)

The bonus question on the final exam is optional. The bonus question will be distributed to all those who remain in the room after the main part of the final exam is over. How to prepare for the bonus question? Scan The New York Times (on line or hard copy) during the first 10 weeks of the quarter. Look for articles on China. Look for articles that link present day (2012) issues and events in China to the longer history of the People’s Republic since 1949. Clip the articles you think are the most important. Bring no more than five such articles with you to the exam. Number them (1-5) according to your own judgment of their importance. Number 1 (most important), number 2 (second most important), etc. Be prepared to submit all 5 articles with you exam. The bonus question will deal with the articles you have selected. You will not be eligible to answer the bonus question unless you have in hand and submit the 5 articles you have selected. Make sure the date of publication is on each article.