

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIONS/HISTORY
School of Oriental & African Studies

BA Course Cover Sheet

Academic Year: 2008 – 2009

Term: Term 1 (autumn 2008)
Course Title: **Situating China I: China and Other Worldviews Before
'Westernization'**
Course Code: 15 800 0152
Course Unit Value: Half unit
Contact Hours: 2
Course Teachers: Professor T.H. Barrett (tb2; Room 330A)

n.b.:* Students studying BA History who select this half unit course MUST select the other half of the course, entitled *Situating China II: Missionaries and Misfits in the British Construction of China

***Timetable:* Mondays, 15:00-17:00, VG03**

Assessment: Assessment will be by means of coursework and a written examination. The coursework consists of 2 essays (length per essay: 2,500 words), both due by 4pm on the first Friday of Term 2. Each essay should treat a question connected with pre-modern China *in relation to something non-Chinese*: you should seek advice on identifying topics well before starting your essays.

Course essays will count 100% towards the final result.

Coursework submission procedures:

Essays must be submitted to the Faculty Office **in duplicate**, accompanied by an **essay submission Form** by 4pm on the due date. A member of the Faculty Office will sign for your essay. Keep the bottom (pink) copy of the essay submission form as your receipt. If the Faculty Office has no record of an essay being submitted, it is **your responsibility** to prove that you submitted it, by producing the signed receipt. Do **not** submit essays by email.

Late submission of essays will be penalised by the loss of 2 percentage marks per working day. Please be aware that University of London regulations on **plagiarism** apply to all work submitted as part of the requirement for any examination.

Coursework should be marked and returned not later than one calendar month after submission. If you have not received coursework back in reasonable time, contact the Faculty Office.

Attendance Regulations: Students are strongly advised to attend all lectures and tutorials or seminars for the course. Attendance is **required** for at least 50% of tutorials or seminars. Attendance registers will be maintained for these. Students should notify their tutors or the Faculty Office in advance if they are unable to attend a tutorial for good reason. *Should two absences occur without explanation within any four week period, the tutor will inform the Faculty Office and a letter will be sent to the student with copies to his/her undergraduate tutor and to the Registry.* All absences are noted on student records.

Lecture Programme:

The course will open with some contemporary attempts at situating China in larger world histories as a way of opening up discussion of larger contexts within which to discuss China. The first of these to be introduced historically will be the importance of the counter-example of nomadism in defining Chinese self-perceptions, and this will be followed by an account of the earliest phase of Chinese knowledge of other sedentary civilisations, including India and the Roman Empire. The impact of Buddhism on China will then be examined in some detail, concentrating in particular in the creation of a sense of a wider religious world. Significant shifts in the coherence of that world will be treated in relation to the continued importance of Buddhism within later Inner Asian conceptions of empire, particularly Manchu imperialism; this will allow some treatment of the history of Tibet also, and of the overseas Chinese.

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B. General Reading

Cambridge History of China

Cambridge History of Ancient China

Cambridge History of Early Inner Asia

Holcombe, Charles, *The Genesis of East Asia*. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2001

Mote, F. W., *Imperial China, 900-1800*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1999

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Di Cosmo, Nicola, *Ancient China and its Enemies*. Cambridge University Press, 2002

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3. Discovering a wider world*

Abe, Stanley, *Ordinary Images*. University of Chicago Press, 2002

Forte, Antonino, *The Hostage An Shigao and his Offspring*. Kyoto; ISEAS, 1995

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4. The arrival of the outsiders*

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5. Discovering the Buddhist World*

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Wright, Arthur F., *Studies in Chinese Buddhism*. New Haven; Yale University Press, 1990

6. Connections and Silk Roads*

Backus, Charles, *The Nan-chao Kingdom and T'ang China's Southwestern Frontier*. Cambridge; Cambridge University Press, 1981

Buswell, Robert, ed., *Currents and Counter-Currents*. Honolulu: University of Hawaii, 2005

Lai, W., and Lancaster, L., eds., *Early Ch'an in China and Tibet*. Berkeley: Asian Humanities Press, 1983

Hartman, Charles, *Han Yü and the T'ang Search for Unity*. Princeton University Press, 1986

Schafer, Edward, *The Golden Peaches of Samarkand*. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1963.

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Sen, Tansen, *Buddhism, Diplomacy, and Trade*. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2003

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7. Many Chinas*

Chan, Hok-lam, *Legitimation in Imperial China*. Seattle; University of Washington Press, 1984

Dunnell, Ruth, *The Great State of White and High*. Honolulu: Hawaii University Press, 1996

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