HIST 560: Problems in Chinese Historiography

(Shen Zhou [1427-1509], "Poet on a Mountain Top")

2009 Winter (Term 1)
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New Information

Open to all interested students.

Objectives

The goal of this seminar is to introduce students to some of the major problems in Chinese historiography. Emphasis will be placed on issues that are particularly pertinent to the study of later imperial China.

Requirements

- Participation 20%
- Commentaries (15x2) 30%
- Historiographical Essay 50%

Dates of Note

- October 12: No class
- October 26: No class (meeting on Wednesday instead)
- December 14: Essay due
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Topics and Readings

Week 1 (Sept. 7): No class

Week 2 (Sept. 14): Orientation: Border Crossing

Week 3 (Sept. 21): Regional Approach


- Also:

Week 4 (Sept. 28): Northern Borders


- Also:

Week 5 (Oct. 5): Southern Borders


Week 6 (Oct. 12): No class

Thanksgiving day
Week 7 (Oct. 19): Beyond Borders


Week 8 (**Wed, Oct. 28** - time tbc): Temporal Approach

  - See also the articles by Timothy Reuter, Thomas Keirstead, and others in the founding issue of The Medieval History Journal.

Week 9 (Nov. 2): Song-Yuan-Ming

  - See also other chapters in The Song-Yuan-Ming Transition in Chinese History.

Week 10 (Nov. 9): Early Modern China?

- Lynn A. Struve, introduction to The Qing Formation in World-Historical Time (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Asia Center, 2004), 1-54.
  - See also other chapters in The Qing Formation in World-Historical Time.

Week 11 (Nov. 16): The New Qing History


Week 12 (Nov. 23): Comparative History

  - Also, in case you are interested, here's the debate between Philip Huang and Ken Pomeranz:


Week 13 (Nov. 30): TBD