EH207: The Making of an Economic Superpower: China since 1850

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Readings for 2021-2022

Michaelmas Term

Week 1: Econometrics Crash Course I

No assigned readings. Class slides and handouts will be distributed.

Week 2: General Introduction

- Class Readings:

- Additional Readings:
Week 3: Traditional China

- Class Readings:

- Additional Readings:

Week 4: Great Divergence I

- Class Readings:

- Additional Readings:
Week 5: Great Divergence II

- Class Readings:

- Additional Readings:

Week 6: Reading Week

Week 7: Late Qing and Republican China

- Class Readings:

- Additional Readings:
  - Noam Yuchtman (2017). “Teaching to the tests: An economic analysis of traditional and modern education in late imperial and republican China”. *Explorations in economic history* 63, 70–90
Week 8: Communism I

- Class Readings:

- Additional Readings:

Week 9: Communism II

- Class Readings:

- Additional Readings:
Week 10: Post-1979 Economic Reform

- Class Readings:

- Additional Readings:

Week 11: Econometrics Crash Course II

No assigned readings. Class slides and handouts will be distributed.

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Week 12: Geography

- Class Readings:

- Additional Readings:

**Week 13: State**

- **Class Readings:**

- **Additional Readings:**

**Week 14: Formal and Informal Institutions**

- **Class Readings:**

- **Additional Readings:**
- Melissa Dell (2010). “The persistent effects of Peru’s mining mita”. *Econometrica* 78.6, 1863–1903

**Week 15: Culture**

- **Class Readings:**

- **Additional Readings:**

**Week 16: Culture: Trust**

- **Class Readings:**

- **Additional Readings:**
Week 17: Reading Week

Week 18: Culture: Gender

- Class Readings:

- Additional Readings:
  - Tine De Moor and Jan Luiten Van Zanden (2010). “Girl power: the European marriage pattern and labour markets in the North Sea region in the late medieval and early modern period”. *The economic history review* 63.1, 1–33

Week 19: Human Capital

- Class Readings:
• Additional Readings:
  


Week 20: Social Mobility

• Class Readings:


  – Carol H Shiue (2019). “Social Mobility in the Long Run: A Temporal Analysis of China from 1300 to 1900”

• Additional Readings:


Week 21: Trade

• Class Readings:


● Additional Readings:


**Week 22: Environment and Disasters**

● Class Readings:


● Additional Readings:

