Ethnicity in China
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Course Description
This seminar explores such diverse phenomena concerning current anthropology as identity formation, ethnic relations, assimilation, social conflict, nation-building, sociocultural and politicoeconomic change etc. by examining the largest multiethnic society in human history. Topics to be discussed include the multiethnic history of Chinese society, communist and Western theories on nationality and ethnicity, the state and ethnicity, ethnic conflict and political economy, gender and ethnic hierarchy, and some distinct minority cultures in the context of the Chinese nation-state. Students who do not specialize in Chinese studies are encouraged to pursue in-depth research on any related topics or ethnic groups of their own interests from a comparative perspective.

Texts
Course Reader (See attached bibliography).

Terms
Requirements for this seminar include 1) a research paper for those who register for ANG 6930 or two term papers for those who register for ANT 4930, 2) reading assignments for each session, 3) active participation in class discussion, and 4) an oral presentation on one of the seminar topics.

For the research paper (for ANG 6930), you can write on any topic of your own interest within the scope of ethnic diversity and ethnic relations, either focusing on China or using China as a comparative reference. As part of the research project, you are required to submit a one page description of your topic and an annotated bibliography for your paper before you start writing the first draft. The research paper is expected to be written in line with the requirements of a journal article. The style should follow either American Anthropologist or The Journal of Asian
Studies. The length should be somewhere between 25 and 30 double-spaced pages with 12-point font.

For the two term papers (for ANT 4930), the topic of each paper will be posted online three weeks before the paper is due. The papers should be about 10 double-spaced pages each with 12-point font in length. Students who have had research or personal experiences in China are encouraged to incorporate their prior knowledge into the term papers. Those who are inspired to write on similar topics from an altered angle or different topics within the scope of this course may do so with my approval within a week after a topic is posted. It is highly advisable for such students to discuss their ideas with me as early as possible.

Your course grade will be based on the following basis:
1) Reading, discussion, and attendance (30%);
2) Oral presentation (20%); and
3) Research paper (50% total).

Disability Accommodations
Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation.

Important Dates
Mon., Sept. 16: Topic description due (ANG 6930).

Mon., Oct. 07: Annotated bibliography due (ANG 6930).


Mon., Nov. 11: First draft of research paper due (ANG 6930).


Seminar Schedule
Mon., Aug. 26: Course overview and coordination.
  Readings: This syllabus.

Mon., Sept. 02: Labor Day, no class.

Mon., Sept. 09: The Chinese multiethnicity as an imperial legacy.
  Readings: Yang 1968, pp. 20-34
  Dreyer 1976, chaps. 1-2 (pp. 7-41)
  Crossley 1990, pp. 1-30
  Cohen 1991, pp. 113-134
  Shih 2001, pp. 381-412
  Giersch 2006, chaps. 1-3 (pp. 17-96)
Readings: 
Conner 1984, pp. 67-100
Fei 1988, 74 pages (Read this item first.)
Kim and Dittmer 1993, pp. 237-290
Mackerras 1994, chaps. 2-4 (pp. 21-104)
Harrell 1996, pp. 1-18

Mon., Sept. 23: Western theories about ethnicity.
Readings: 
Hutchinson and Smith 1996, parts I-IV (pp. 15-188)
Thompson 1989, pp. 49-71
Hutchinson and Smith 1996, parts V-VIII (pp. 189-377)
Naroll 1964, pp. 283-312

Mon., Sept. 30: The communist theoretical framework for the national question.
Readings: 
Leacock 1972, pp. 7-67
Engels 1972 [1942], chaps. 1-2 (pp. 87-146), & Chap. 9 (pp. 217-237)
Stalin 1972 [1913], pp. 54-84
Stalin 1950 [1929], pp. 8-37
Connor 1984, chap. 1 (pp. 5-27)
Tong 1989, pp. 182-205

Readings: 
Heberer 1989, chap. 3 (pp. 30-39)
Fei 1980, pp. 94-107
Hsieh 1987, pp. 1-37
Harrell 1995, pp. 274-296
Harrell 2001, part 1, pp. 5-78

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Dreyer 1976, chap. 7 (pp. 173-204)
Heberer 1989, chap. 6 (pp. 74-101)
Mackerras 1994, chap. 5 (pp. 105-135); chaps. 8-9 (pp. 198-259)
Goldstein et al. 2003, pp. 758-779

Mon., Oct. 21: Gender and ethnic hierarchy among the Chinese minorities.
Readings: 
Diamond 1988, pp. 1-25
Gladney 1994, pp. 92-123
Jankowiak 1993, chap. 7 (pp. 165-190)
Shih 2010, chap. 9 (pp. 227-240)

Readings: 
Pan and Tan 1999, pp. 137-168
Harrell 2001, pp. 295-330
Shih 2003, pp. 205-250
Girsch 2006, chaps. 5-7 (pp. 127-206)
Formoso 2009, pp. 492-503

Mon., Nov. 04: The Tibetans
Readings: 
Wang and Suo 1984, chap. 18 (pp. 149-179)
Heberer 1989, chap 8 (pp. 118-126)
Grunfeld 1996, pp. 107-150
Mon., Nov. 11: Veterans Day, no class.

Mon., Nov. 18: The Mongols and the Manchu.
   Readings:   Khan 1996, 125-159
               Borchigud 1996, pp. 160-182
               Rigger 1995, pp. 186-214
               Williams 1996, pp. 665-691
               Bulag 2004, pp. 84-116

Mon., Nov. 25: The northwestern minorities.
   Readings:   Harris 1993, pp. 111-129
               Bachman 2004, 155-185
               Bovingdon 2004, pp. 117-154
               Lipman 2004, pp. 19-52

Mon., Dec. 02: The southwestern minorities.
               Diamond 1995, pp. 92-116
               Harrell 2001, pp. 81-260
               Hansen 2004, pp. 53-83

Wed., Dec. 04: Classes end.
   Final version of research paper due to my office by 5:00 p.m.

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