

**HISTORY OF East Asia- I (c. 1840-1949)**  
**Paper Code: HHS5021T**

**Module 1**

**I. Imperialism and China during the 19th century**

(a) Chinese feudalism: Gentry, bureaucracy and peasantry; the Confucian value system; Sinocentrism; the Canton commercial system.

(b) The transformation of China into an informal colony; the Opium Wars; the Unequal Treaties; the scramble for concessions; Finance Imperialism; the Open Door policy.

(c) Agrarian and Popular Movements: Taiping and Yi Ho Tuan.

(d) Attempts at Self-Strengthening (Tzu-chiang): Reforms of 1860- 95; 1898; and 1901-08.

**ii. The Emergence of Nationalism in China**

(a) The Revolution of 1911: Causes, nature and significance; the social composition of the Revolution; Sun Yat-sen and his contribution; the formation of the Republic; Yuan Shih Kai; Warlordism.

(b) May Fourth Movement of 1919: Nature and significance

**Module 2**

**II. History of China till 1949**

(i) **Nationalism & Communism in China** (1921-1937)

(a) Formation of CCP; and the Guomintang (National Party of KMT)

(b) The First United Front

**ii. The Communist Movement** (1938-1949)

The Jiangxi Period and the rise of Mao Tse Tung

**ESSENTIAL READINGS**

George Allen, A Short Economic History of Japan.

Jean Chesneaux, et al, China from Opium War to 1911 Revolution.

Jean Chesneaux, et al, China from the 1911 Revolution to Liberation.

Tan Chung, Triton and Dragon: Studies on the Nineteenth Century China and Imperialisms.

John K. Fairbank, et al., and East Asia: Modern Transformation

Y. Immanuel Hsu, The Rise of Modern China.

Chalmers A Johnson, Peasant Nationalism and Communist Power: The Emergence of Red China, 1937 - 1945.

Nathaniel Peffer, The Far East: A Modern History.

Victor Purcell, The Boxer Uprising: A Background Study.

Kenneth B. Pyle, The Making of Modern Japan.

Franz Schuramann and Orville Schell (eds.), China Readings, 2 Volumes (Imperial China, and Republican China).

Benjamin I. Schwartz, Mao and the Rise of Chinese Communism.

Hu Sheng, Imperialism and Chinese Politics.

Chow Tse tung, The May Fourth Movement: Intellectual Revolution in Modern, China.

Mao Tse tung's Selected Writings, National Book Agency, Calcutta.

Mary C. Wright, China in Revolution: The First Phase, 1900 -1913.

### **SUGGESTED READINGS**

George M. Beckmann, Modernization of China and Japan.

Lucien Bianco, Origins of the Chinese Revolution, 1915 -1949.

Jean Chesneaux, Peasant Revolts in China, 1840 - 1949.

Tan Chung, China and the Brave New World: A Study of the Origins of the Opium War, 1840- 42.

Wolfgang Franke, A Century of Chinese Revolution.

History of Modern China Series: The Opium War, The Taiping Revolution, The Reform Movement (1898).

Harold Z. Schiffrin, Sun Yat-Sen and the Origin of the Chinese Revolution.