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Course Outcome

CCSS 2120 - Chinese Family and Marriage

Learning Outcome

- By the end of the semester, students should:
- be familiar with the anthropology of family and kinship.
 - have a basic knowledge of Chinese family's social changes.
 - be familiar with the sources available in English on this topic.
 - demonstrate an improved ability to present clear oral and written analysis.

Course Syllabus

1. Course Introduction
2. The pre-1949 Chinese family: An Overview
3. Kinship and Lineage
4. Marriage and Gender Relations
5. Childcare and Education
6. Maoist revolutions
7. Rural-urban Differences
8. Marriage and family among non-Han groups
9. Post-reform Transformations
10. Contemporary challenges I: "Little Emperors"
11. Contemporary challenges II: "Who gets the house"
12. Contemporary challenges III: "Left-over women"

Assessment Type

	Assessment Type	Current Percent
1	Essays	35
2	Others	15
3	Presentation	25
4	Short answer test or exam	25

Feedback for Evaluation

Written end-of-term course evaluation questionnaire

Required Readings

1. Course Introduction
Davis, Deborah, and Sara Friedman, eds. 2014. Introduction. In *Wives, Husbands, and Lovers: Marriage and Sexuality in Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Urban China*, pp.1-38.
2. The pre-1949-era Chinese family
Freedman, Maurice, 1970, Introduction, *Family and Kinship in Chinese Society*, Stanford, Stanford University Press.
3. Kinship and Lineage
Faure, David, 1989, "The Lineage as a Cultural Invention: The Case of the Pearl River Delta," *Modern China*, 15(1), pp. 4-36.
4. Marriage and Gender Relations
Watson, Rubie S. 1991. "Wives, Concubines, and Maids: Servitude and Kinship in the Hong Kong Region, 1900-1940." In *Marriage and Inequality in Chinese Society*, edited by Rubie S. Watson and Patricia B. Ebrey, 231-255. Berkeley: University of California Press.
5. Childcare and Education
Wolf, Margery, "Child Training and the Chinese Family," in, Freedman, Maurice, 1970, *Family and Kinship in Chinese Society*, Stanford, Stanford University Press, pp. 37-62.
6. Maoist revolutions
Huang, Yuqin 2012, "Jumping Out of the Agricultural Gate" (tiaochu nongmen): Social Mobility and Gendered Intra-household Resource Distribution among Children in a Central Chinese Village, 1950- 2012," *China Perspectives*, 4 (92), pp. 25-33.
7. Rural-urban Differences
Huang Shu-min., 1992, "Re-examining the Extended Family in Chinese Peasant Society: Findings from a Fujian Village," *Australian Journal of Chinese Affairs*, 27, pp: 25-38.
Whyte, Martin King, 2005, "Continuity and Change in Urban Chinese Family," *The China Journal*, 53, pp.9-33.
8. Marriage and family among non-Chinese group
Mattison, S.M., 2010, "The Economic Impacts of Tourism and Erosion of the Visiting System among the Mosuo of Lugu Lake", *The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology*, 11(2), pp. 157-174.
9. Post-reform Transformations
Harrell, Stevan, and Gonalo Santos. 2017. "Introduction." In *Transforming Patriarchy. Chinese Families in the 21st Century*, edited by Gonalo Santos and Stevan Harrell. Seattle: University of Washington Press, pp. 3-36.
10. Contemporary challenges I: "Little Emperors"
Feng, Xiao-Tian, Poston Dudley L., and Wang Xiao-Tao, 2014, "China's One-child Policy and the Changing Family," *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, 45, 1, pp. 17-29.

11. Contemporary challenges II: "Who gets the house"

Davis, Deborah S. 2010. "Who Gets the House? Renegotiating Property Rights in Post-Socialist Urban China." *Modern China* 36 (5):463-492.

12. Contemporary challenges III: "Left-over women"

Hong Fincher, Leta, 2014, Introduction in *Leftover Women: The Resurgence of Gender Inequality in China* (Asian Arguments series), London & New York: Zed Books.

Recommended Readings

Ebrey, Patricia B., and James L. Watson, eds. 1986. *Kinship Organization in Late Imperial China, 1000-1940*, Studies on China. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Ebrey, Patricia B. 1990. "Women, Marriage, and the Family in Chinese History." In *Heritage of China: Contemporary Perspectives on Chinese Civilization*, edited by Paul S. Ropp, 197-223. Berkeley, Los Angeles & Oxford: University of California Press.

Mann, Susan. 1987. "Widows in the Kinship, Class, and Community Structures of Qing Dynasty China." *The Journal of Asian Studies* 46 (1):37-56.

Mann, Susan. 2002. "Grooming a Daughter for Marriage: Brides and Wives in the Mid-Qing Period." In *Chinese Femininities, Chinese Masculinities: A Reader*, edited by Susan Brownell and Jeffrey N. Wasserstrom, 93-119. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Yang, C. K. 1959. *The Chinese Family in the Communist Revolution*. Cambridge: Technology Press distributed by Harvard University Press.

Davis, Deborah S., and Stevan Harrell, eds. 1993. *Chinese Families in the Post-Mao Era*. Vol. 17, Studies on China. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Bossen, Laurel. 2002. *Chinese Women and Rural Development: Sixty Years of Change in Lu Village, Yunnan*. Lanham, Md.: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.

Hershatter, Gail. 2007. "Birthing Stories: Rural Midwives in 1950s China." In *Dilemmas of Victory: The Early Years of the People's Republic of China*, edited by Jeremy Brown and Paul Pickowicz, 337-358. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

Selden, Mark. 1993. "Family Strategies and Structure in Rural North China." In *Chinese Families in the Post-Mao Era*, edited by Deborah Davis and Stevan Harrell, 139-164. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Evans, Harriet. 1997. *Women and Sexuality in China: Female Sexuality and Gender Since 1949*. New York: Continuum.

Jacka, Tamara. 1997. *Women's Work in Rural China: Change and Continuity in an Era of Reform*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

Davis, Deborah S. 2014. "Privatization of Marriage in Post-Socialist China." *Modern China* 40 (6):551-577.

Davis, Deborah, and Sara Friedman, eds. 2014. *Wives, Husbands, and Lovers: Marriage and Sexuality in Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Urban China*.

Evans, Harriet. 2008. *The Subject of Gender: Daughters and Mothers in Urban China*, Asian voices. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.

Fong, Vanessa L. 2002. "China's One-Child Policy and the Empowerment of Urban Daughters." *American Anthropologist* 104 (4):1098-1109.

Friedman, Sara L. 2005. "The Intimacy of State Power: Marriage, Liberation, and Socialist Subjects in Southeastern China." *American Ethnologist* 32:312-327.

Murphy, Rachel, Ran Tao, and Xi Lu. 2011. "Son Preference in Rural China: Patrilineal Families and Socioeconomic Change." *Population and Development Review* 37 (4):665-690.

Song, Jing, and Nancy Luke. 2014. "Fairy Brides from Heaven: Mate Selection in Rural China, 1949-2000." *Journal of Comparative Family Studies* XLV (4):497-515.

Ling, Minhua. 2017. "Precious Son, Reliable Daughter: Redefining Son Preference and Parent-Child Relations in Migrant Households in Urban China." *The China Quarterly* 229:150-171.