

REVOLUTIONARY CHINA: MAOISM

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This is an advanced-level seminar, which provides you with an opportunity to complete an independent research project in modern Chinese history. This semester our focus is Maoism, the Socialist revolution in twentieth-century China. We will work both together in class and independently as scholars to explore key issues concerning the rise and development of Maoism: the origins of Chinese Communism, the evolution of Chinese Socialism under Mao, and “the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution.” This course also strongly encourages you to situate your thinking on Mao in a global context. Readings will guide you to consider such questions as: was the Chinese Communist revolution more of an offshoot of Moscow or an indigenous movement, and how has the legacy of Maoism influenced other parts of the world, such as Latin America and Europe? Throughout the course we are also going to consider broad theoretical issues of utopianism, nationalism, iconoclasm, among others. Those of you who wish to frame your own thinking following these conceptual lines are most welcome.