

## Course details

### Course title

History: China 1796 to the present – Fall of the Qing – 1796-1912 (Part 1)

### Course code

Q00017270

### Course date

Start: 07/10/24

End: 25/11/24

### Number of classes

8 sessions

### Timetable

Mon 7th Oct, 10:15 to 12:15

Mon 14th Oct, 10:15 to 12:15

Mon 21st Oct, 10:15 to 12:15

Mon 28th Oct, 10:15 to 12:15

Mon 4th Nov, 10:15 to 12:15

Mon 11th Nov, 10:15 to 12:15

Mon 18th Nov, 10:15 to 12:15

Mon 25th Nov, 10:15 to 12:15

### Branch

Petts Wood and Orpington

### Tutor

Laurie Johnston

### Fee range

Free to £80.00

## How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes at the venue indicated. Some materials may be provided in our virtual learning environment.

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In venue

## Venue

Petts Wood Memorial Hall (Petts Wood)

200 Petts Wood Road

Petts Wood

BR5 1LA

## Level of study

Beginners

## Course overview

From the zenith of the Qing Empire in 1796 we trace the decline of China's imperial reach through the 19th century. Western incursions and humiliations, the role of religion and opium, wars, reforms and rebellions will all be covered up to the fall of the dynasty in 1912 and the formation of China's first republic. Major personalities such as the Empress Dowager Cixi, Sun-Yat-Sen, the Last Emperor and many more will be considered. We will consider the nature of court rule, the development of society and the economy as well as art, literature and philosophy.

## Course description

This first part of two courses on modern Chinese history concentrates on China's decline in the 19th century up to the founding of the First Republic in 1912. In 1796, the Qing ruled a third of the world's population, and the largest economy in the world. We consider the defeat by the British Empire in the First Opium War (1840) led to Hong Kong being ceded to Britain and importation of opium. We study the Taiping Rebellion, the Punti–Hakka Clan Wars, Nian Rebellion, Dungan Revolt, and Panthay Rebellion and their collective impact. We examine the Tongzhi Restoration (1860–1872), and its adoption of Western methods. The defeat o in the First Sino-Japanese War (1894–1895) and the formation of the New Army are discussed along with the Hundred Days' Reform programme (1898). Finally, we discuss the Boxer Uprising of 1900 and the Wuchang uprising, of 1911, which resulted in the proclamation of the Republic of China, 1st January 1912, ending 2,000 years of dynastic rule. Woven throughout will be consideration of political, social, cultural and economic themes. Throughout we study documentary sources, art, literature, philosophy and historical analysis as we read, talk, question and listen.

## What financial support is available?

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

## What other support is available?

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